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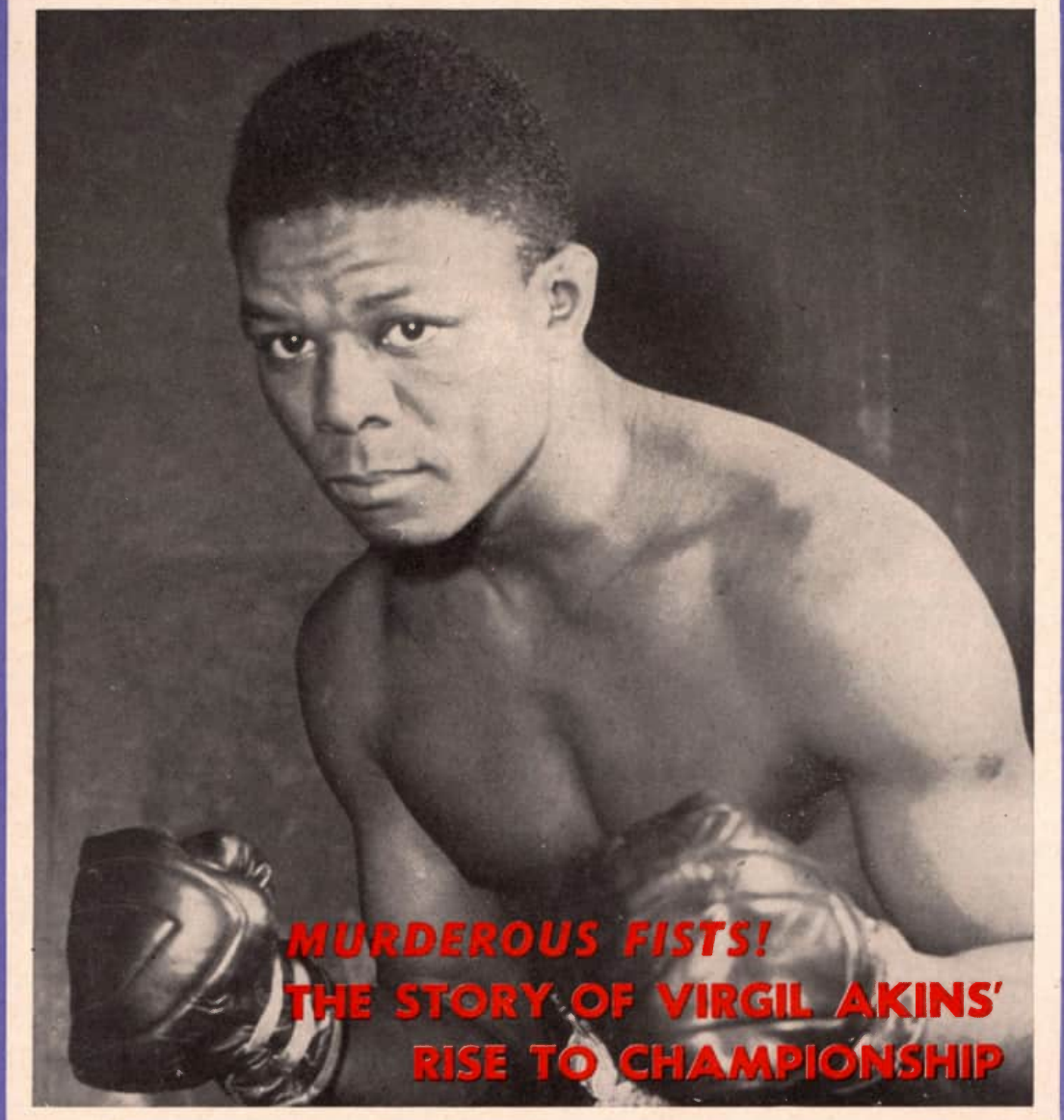
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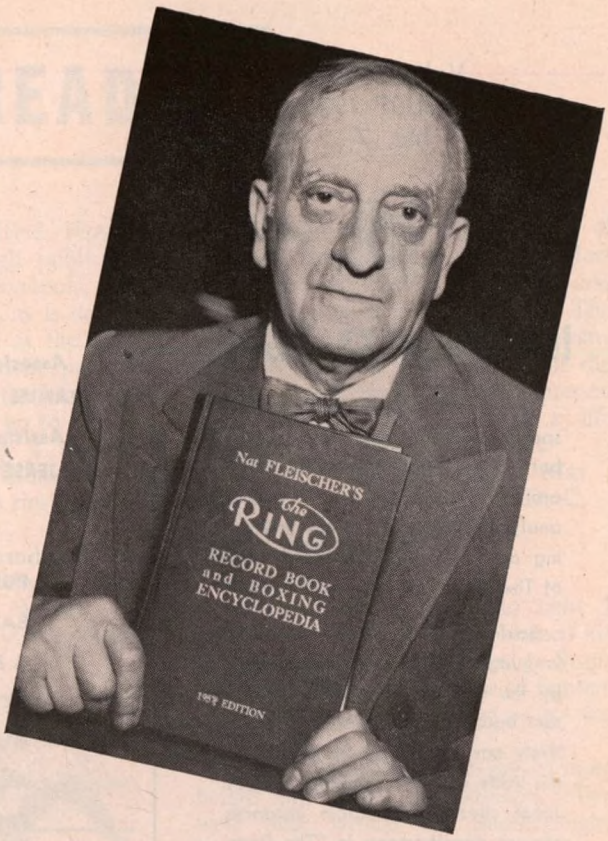

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Progress has been made in all sports during the last three decades but boxing remains dormant. What are the reasons? Nat Fleischer analyzes the causes in his interesting article in the September issue of The Ring, "Stamina and Power."

Boxing has its own expressive language. When a fighter is affected by the nervous strain of an important bout and becomes a comparatively easy victim for his opponent, the trade says he "froze up." Jersey Jones cites some notable instances of such developments in "The Deep Freeze," a yarn that explains away many of the strange and sometimes sudden endings of important fights.

With Floyd Patterson now ready, at long last, to put the world heavyweight championship on the line, against Roy Harris in California, boxing interest has once again perked up. Be sure to read to up-to-the-minute pre-fight story on one of the year's most oustanding bouts in the next issue of The Ring.

In addition to our many exclusive features stories, the September issue of The Ring will include News from the Mat World, reports from service camps throughout around the globe, the latest in the television field, plus results, photos and news of the current happenings in boxing.

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FROM OUR READERS

THEM'S FIGHTIN' WORDS

Gentlemen:

First let me congratulate you on the fine type of magazine that you have been publishing all these years. I personally have been an avid reader of yours since I first started looking at this type of literature.

I think that the Ring Magazine should really lambast Floyd Patterson for his complete disregard for the proper defense of his title. It is my opinion that he was made champion on a completely mismanaged elimination tourney. Instead of fighting any of the challengers that were present he had only to fight Tommy Jackson. Then he fought a completely out of condition Archie Moore and was declared champion. I think that he was obligated to fight all the challengers right down the line and in that way really establish himself as champion.

In the past year almost every titleholder has defended his title once or in some cases twice against the leading challengers in his respective division. Patterson has only defended his title twice, once against a very tired Tommy Jackson and then against a rank amateur, Pete Rademacher. I can't think of a time when the heavyweight division has had such a bad name among the fans. I recall at the time that Patterson won the title he was praised and there were such words as he will be one of the greatest champs we have ever had. Well, I can't see where he is proving anything other than the fact that his manager is still trying to pick all the soft touches that there are around for a fight.

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Dear Mr. Fleischer:

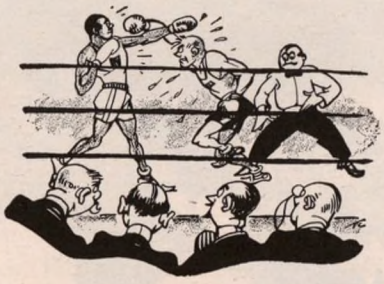
I wish to congratulate you on your fine books: How to Box, Training for Boxers, How to Second & Manage a Boxer and Scientific Blocking and Hitting and other Methods of Defense. These are the best books of their kind ever written.

Also, I would like to comment on B. M. Hitch's letter in the June issue. Mr. Hitch says that Cus D'Amato won't permit Floyd Patterson to fight any of the leading contenders because he fears defeat. I disagree with Mr. Hitch. I think Floyd can beat any leading contender, and I'm sure he will prove it very soon.

In my opinion, the reason Cus D'Amato hasn't permitted Floyd to fight, was to get enough publicity to expose the IBC as a monopoly, which it is, and it looks like Cus is doing an excellent job. As soon as the IBC is disbanded the independent promoters will be able to get in on the bandwagon, and all the profit won't go to the IBC. Cus D'Amato is doing a wonderful thing for boxing and he should be given a lot of credit as well as the support of all loyal boxing fans.

After the IBC is disbanded I'm sure Floyd will fight all deserving contenders.

Ron Walter
Los Gatos, Calif.



GIARDELLO DESERVES CHANCE

Dear Sirs:

I am quite pleased with the result of the return bout between Joey Giardello and Rory Calhoun. There was much controversy over the decision following their last fight, and in their second meeting it was evident that Giardello is the superior fighter. I am by no means saying that Calhoun is a poor fighter, for he showed that he possessed great ability in so easily defeating Yolande Pompey, but from the reports, he seemed to give Joey little trouble. Ever since I became a boxing fan, I have been watching Giardello, and based on the Calhoun victory, and victories previous to that occasion I certainly think he has deserved a chance at Sugar Ray's title. Keep up the great work!

Mark Elkin
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

OF HEROES AND VILLIANS

Dear Sirs:

Just finished reading the current issue of The Ring, that is, the wrestling portion. I rarely read the boxing as I've never gotten interested in the sport.

Biographical sketches are interesting, giving wrestling additional space and reading matter. I was wondering whether most fans prefer biographies and tales about the wrestlers, or news from various sections such as some of the spots listed in a recent issue. Most of the fans with whom I come in contact in Capital Arena (D. C.) and The Coliseum (Baltimore), plus the many fans I correspond with throughout the U. S., Canada and England, expressed their preference for a bit of a life story on their heroes and villains.

Mrs. Viola G. May
Washington, D. C.

SWEET ON SUGAR

Dear Editor:

After the Robinson-Basilio fight I noticed that you and Basilio blamed his closed eye as the reason he lost to Sugar Ray. I disagree as a number of fighters with vision in one eye went on to win their fights.

Also you mention Basilio giving away height and weight to Robinson. They were both within the middleweight limit, so it is a poor argument. Perhaps the only reason that Basilio lasted as long as he did was because Robinson is getting on in years for a fighter. Why don't you give credit where it is really due? Sugar Ray is the greatest fighter the ring has ever known.

M. Mitchem
Cleveland, Ohio

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Gentlemen:

Some time ago your magazine awarded a belt emblematic of the "U. S. Heavyweight Wrestling Championship" to one Billy Varga.

My object in writing is to try to find out how you ever came to select Varga as the champion? Out here in his own territory, Varga is notorious for ducking in and out of the ropes, contrary to the California rules.

This habit resulted in Sandor Szabo accepting a bout with Varga, only if Varga would agree to the ropes being covered with a chicken wire fence, six feet high, to keep Varga in the ring, and prevent him from ducking in and out of the ropes.

As far as I can ascertain, this is the first match in wrestling history in which it has been found necessary to fence the ring with chicken wire. Some U. S. Champion! ! !

The match, held in Olympic Auditorium, resulted in a draw, with one fall apiece, with time running out, altho Szabo was chasing Varga around the ring at the finish and Szabo would surely have won in another five minutes.

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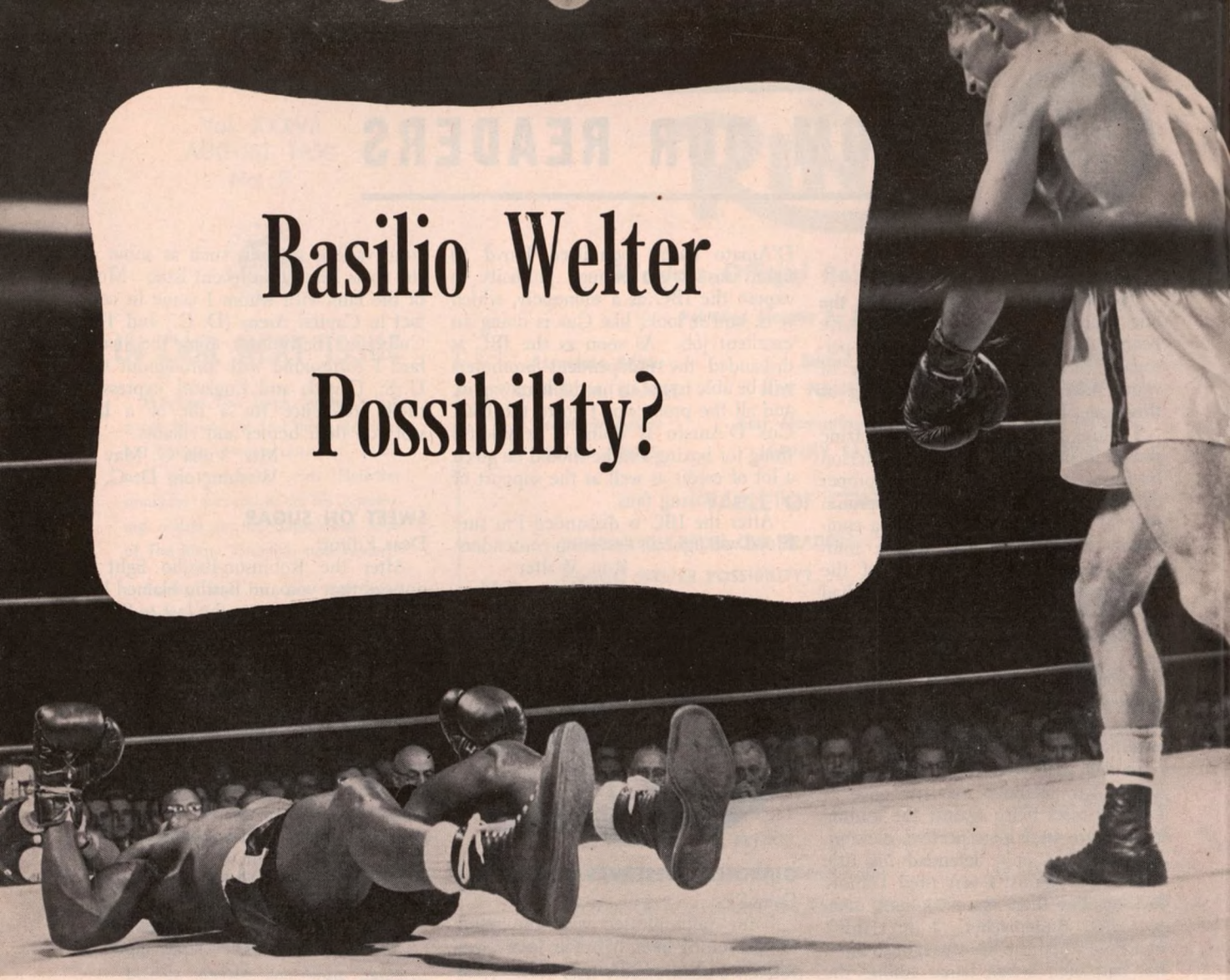

Carmen Basilio seen here stiffening Johnny Saxton in the second round in defense of his welterweight crown in 1957, never had trouble making the weight and should a third bout with Sugar Ray Robinson for the middleweight title fall through, it is conceivable that he will challenge the new welterweight champion in an effort to regain the honors he once held.

By AL BUCK

WHEN Carmen Basilio quit the welterweight division a year ago it wasn't for the usual reason. The then 147 pound champion had no trouble making the weight limit, and his only purpose in signing to fight Sugar Ray Robinson, the middleweight king, was to make more money.

The reward was financial. Having won the middleweight crown, Basilio was forced to relinquish the welterweight title. Such are the rules, but they added no weight to the rugged champion. Since then he has lost the middleweight title back to Robinson.

What does he do now? A third fight with Robinson remains a possibility. Were it not to be made for any of several reasons, should Basilio continue as a middleweight? Would he not be better off campaigning to regain the welterweight throne, now that the division has a new champion?

Nature being what it is, a champion moves up a class usually because he has difficulty with weight. Still there is a precedent for a titleholder dropping down a class. Bob Fitzsimmons, for one, did it. So did Henry Armstrong.

Ruby Robert had the legs of a lightweight, the shoulders of a heavyweight. He was a physical freak, but a terrific puncher. In 1891 Fitz knocked out Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, in the 13th round at New Orleans to win the world middleweight championship.

FITZ MOVED WEIGHT LIMIT AT HIS PLEASURE

Fitzsimmons won the title at 154 pounds, but finding difficulty making the weight, he moved the middleweight limit up to 158 pounds. At that weight he made his only defense of the crown, also at New Orleans, where in 1894 he knocked out Dan Creedon in two rounds.

Three years later Bob invaded the heavyweight division. On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, he met James J. Corbett at Carson City, Nev. The fight struck a new note in boxing ballyhoo. It was held in the open air in an arena built especially for the title battle. For the first time, too, motion pictures were made of a title fight.

Among the spectators was James J. Jeffries, a Corbett sparring partner who was to play an important part in the futures of both Gentleman Jim and his challenger.

What happened that afternoon is a chapter in ring history. Faster, the better boxer, Corbett built up an early lead. Mrs. Fitzsimmons, seated at the ringside, kept advising her husband: "Keep out of the sun," and on occasion, the challenger made a gesture to shade his eyes

from the glare which was intense and blinding him.

In the fourteenth, it happened. Fitz started his right, shifted and drove a left into Corbett's stomach. The punch, afterwards called the "solar plexus" blow, paralyzed Corbett's legs. The wind was knocked out of him, and while he heard Referee George Siler count 10, he was powerless to pull himself together.

Fitzsimmons, weighing only 167 pounds, had defeated Corbett, 183, to become world heavyweight champion.

The bitterness caused by the upset was so intense that Fitzsimmons refused to fight Corbett again. The new champion was idle for two years, even talked of retiring, but in 1899 he fought Jeffries at Coney Island.

FITZ WAS GOOD, BUT NOT HEAVY ENOUGH

Jeffries, weighing 206 pounds, was much too big for a middleweight, even though Bob was heavyweight champion. In the eighth round Fitz leveled on Jeff's chin. When the challenger didn't go down the outcome became a foregone conclusion. In the eleventh, Fitzsimmons was knocked out.

Jeffries was to stop Fitz again in a return bout, and twice he stopped Corbett. The sparring partner at Carson City was to retire undefeated heavyweight champion. Then he was to make the mistake of coming back to be knocked out by Jack Johnson.

But Fitzsimmons wasn't through. Four years after he lost the heavyweight crown he dropped down to the newly created light-heavyweight class. In 20 rounds at San Francisco, Bob outpointed George Gardner for the world light-heavyweight championship. The victory made him the first fighter to win three titles, and even now he is one of two to score a triple.

Two years later, again in San Francisco, Fitz lost his last crown to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who knocked him out in 13 rounds.

Thirty-two years after Fitzsimmons lost his last title, Henry Armstrong won his first in Madison Square Garden. Armstrong had come east from California with a claim to the featherweight title. The National Boxing Association recognized Petey Sarron, now a referee in Miami Beach, as the champion. The fight was to settle the disputed title.

Sarron was nearing the end of his career. Armstrong was at his peak. He knocked out Petey in the sixth round.

Armstrong's next venture was against Barney Ross, the welterweight champion. This took place at the Garden Bowl, located at Long Island City, N. Y. Barney took a terrific beating, but stayed on his feet throughout the 15 rounds. When Henry's hand was raised in victory the featherweight champion had become the welterweight king.

ARMSTRONG DROPPED BACK TO GAIN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

There was no rule, as there is now, requiring a champion to give up a title if he won one in a heavier class. It was put on the books because of Armstrong. In fact, it might be called the Armstrong Law. Not satisfied with two titles, Henry dropped back into the lightweight division, and in a blood spattered battle with Lou Ambers won his third title.

If Fitzsimmons and Armstrong could drop down to a lower division, why can't Basilio go back, if the situation calls for it?

Like Ruby Robert, as middleweight champ, Armstrong never lost the featherweight title. He never defended it, and gave it up, but he was still welterweight champion when he lost the lightweight title to Ambers in a return bout.

Even then Henry aspired to win the middleweight title. The bid failed when the decision was a draw, and Ceferino Garcia, the champion, retained the crown. In the end, Fritzie Zivic was to defeat Armstrong for the welterweight title, the last of his three championships.

High tide for Basilio, the welterweight champion, came when he defeated Robinson for the middleweight title, the one Armstrong didn't win. Robinson has been up and down the ladder too. He was welterweight champion, but was

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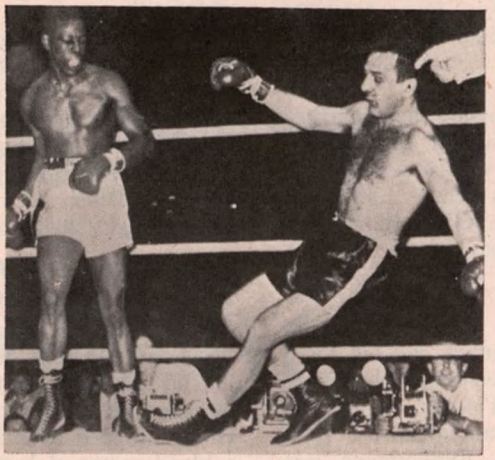
Bob Fitzsimmons (right), after winning the heavyweight championship, successfully dropped down a class to gain the light heavyweight title, on November 25, 1903 at San Francisco, defeating George Gardner (left).

Booking Matches. With the welterweight eliminations over and Virgil Akins (above) the new champion, a match with Carmen Basilio, who once ruled the roost, would be the biggest money-maker for the division.

After winning the featherweight and welterweight titles, Henry Armstrong (left) stepped down a class to go after his third world crown and made good, defeating Lou Ambers for the lightweight championship.



Virgil Akins who unleashed a furious attack early in the first round which caught Vince Martinez cold and sealed his fate, had his opponent up and down through the fight—nine times in all, with Akins leaving no doubt that he is the best 147-lber. in the division.

A NEW KING WITH NEW RECOGNITION

By NAT LOUBET

THE date was June 6, 1958. The locale, St. Louis. Virgin Akins, local product, just had knocked out Vince Martinez in four rounds, in the clamactic fight of the elimination tournament organized to fill the welterweight championship which had been vacated by Carmen Basilio after he had whipped Ray Robinson in their first encounter.

Exuberant after a spectacular victory, the usually reticent Akins, surrounded by family, friends, press and well wishers in general, opened up. He said he wanted to fight Basilio.

Called *"My champ"*, by his nine year old son Gerald and *"Pappa"* by his eight year old daughter Karen, hugged by his wife Ada Mal, Akins was all smiles, all talk.

"My wife and I are gawna have a baby in June and we're headin' for Mexico for two months and we're . . ."

We cut in with: *"Whom do you want to fight next?"*

He stopped smiling for an instant: *"Basilio"*, he snapped.

What did Basilio have to say about this: *"Sure, why not, if I can't get Robinson I'll fight Akins, as long as I get my share,"* Carmen announced, in his customary business-like way.

What did Carmen think of the Akins punch as compared with Robinson's? He made a motion of disdain and with his lips mumbled: *"Ah—nothing!"*

Should Basilio meet Akins in an attempt to regain his title it may be that his underestimation of Akins' ability will play a very important part in the outcome.

Akins not only won a crown but he won new recognition as a fighting machine by the manner in which he won his championship.

Fight experts for some time had felt that, like Joe Brown, the lightweight champion of the world, Akins had been grossly underestimated.

With his knockout over Martinez, Akins came of age and is now regarded in his true light. A boxer-puncher who can knock your brains out, not only legally but popularly the welterweight champion of the world, Virgil fills a major role in the fistic setup.

St. Louis gained its first native born boxing champion in *"Honey Bear."* He came into his own before 9777 screaming fans by stopping Martinez in 52 seconds of the fourth round.

The only equality in the fight was in the weights, 146¾ pounds. The odds came closer to the true story, 2 to 1, in favor of Akins.

Thirty seconds after the opening bell the entire pattern of the fight was set. Martinez was not his usual . . . loose . . . fluid-like, dancing master self. He seemed rooted to a few precious feet of canvas. He appeared to have changed his usual style. He was attempting to slug it out with Akins rather than outbox the butcher boy from the river district of St. Louis.

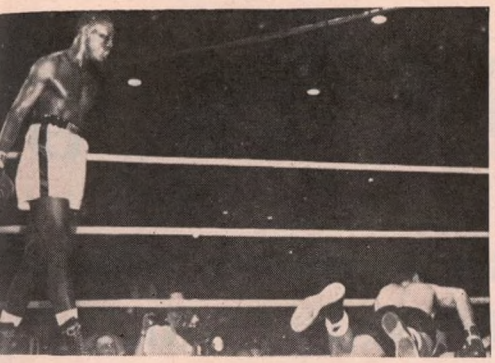
As Virgil moved in to meet his rival, $62,810 worth of ticket bearers leaned forward on their seats.

They didn't have long to wait. A left to the side of Vince's head, a solid left hook to the body, were combined a second later with a right crossing over Martinez's left. Down went the 29 year old Vince.

The fight was barely 30 seconds old when the third punch felled Martinez. Before the round had ended he had been down four more times.

Referee Harry Kessler said that the fourth time Vince went down, it was a combination slip and push and not a knockdown. But many, including the writer, saw Akins land something resembling a right to the jaw.

Vince froze as the bout began and before he could loosen up, Akins bombed him. Caught cold, Vince never was in the fight after the first knockdown. It was purely a matter of time as Akins demolished his opponent. The weakness that



Martinez dropped again in the third round (above) which proved to be a one-sided slaughter, the dynamic fists of Virgil Akins furiously pounding Martinez into utter defeat. At right (inset) it's all over and handlers gather the demoralized Martinez together when referee stopped bout in fourth round.

Akins told reporters he had spotted in four televised Martinez bouts was exploited.

Martinez telegraphed his vaunted left hook. He made a peculiar movement of his head and dropped his left hand too low before striking with it.

After the first, Akins continually stalked and punched dry the game but energy-bled shell of Martinez. Every time that Vince started to throw his left a booming right countered to his jaw and on more occasions than he cared to remember the punch dropped him.

Twice in the third, and twice more in the fourth session, he was slugged to the canvas before the referee raised Akins hand in triumph at 52 seconds of that fateful fourth.

As Akins' hand was raised Martinez

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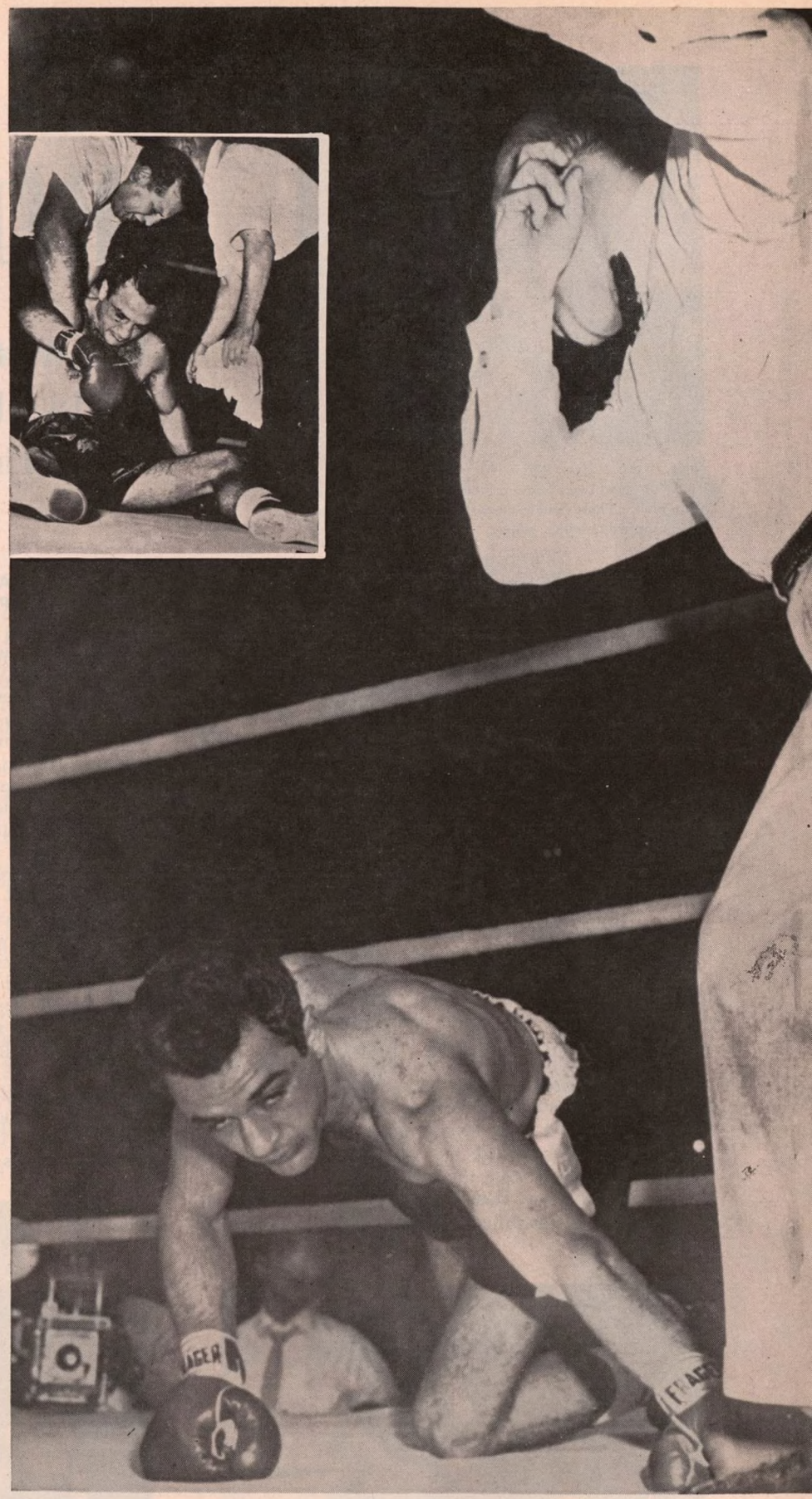


This was the first knockdown (above) in the first minute of the fight that stunned Vince Martinez and made him vulnerable for the additional trips to canvas and eventual, inevitable defeat. (At Left) She knew it all the time. Karen Akins, Virgil's eight year old daughter, hugs her father after the bout, the family all smiles.

Snow Use. Virgil Akins (left) about to toss fistful of snow at Isaac Logart before their twelve round elimination bout. Photo below shows what happened when they stopped playing games.

AKINS TOPS

New Welter Titleholder Leads All In Alphabetical Listing; Neither First Nor Last On Ability

HIS name leads all the rest. Virgil Akins, newly-crowned world welterweight champion, who won his spurs with a devastating attack that overwhelmed Vince Martinez, gained the added distinction, through alphabetical listing, of having his name top the more than three hundred fighters who have held boxing championships. Anytime you're looking through a list of champions in The Ring Record Book now the first guy you'll meet is Akins.

That through merit and ability he would ever lead the list is doubtful, though on those points, based on his fights of the past year, he surely is far from scraping the bottom of the barrel.

This of a fighter who has given so many stale performances that he virtually was relegated to the scrap heap. When the eliminations for the welterweight championship began, following Carmen Basilio's relinquishing of the crown, Akins was not even considered in the tournament.

So it has been a series of fortunate coincidences, prompted by the furious assault he has been launching against everyone who has stood in his path, that has led Akins to the highest honors he can gain in his profession.

Cut in the loquacious style of Archie Moore, Ray Robinson and Joe Brown—unlike the quiet dignity that Joe Louis so regally bore—Akins sparks a brisk and brusque confidence that should warn anyone not to tangle with him. He has the equipment—like the others mentioned above—to go with the proud boast, the good fight he talks.

But it wasn't always that way. There was a time when Akins was "beat"—disgusted, discouraged, licked before he started.

STARTED OUT AS GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPION IN ST. LOUIS

It was almost a dozen years ago that Akins began his fighting career, winning the St. Louis lightweight Golden Gloves title in 1946 and again in 1947. He had 72 victories and 7 losses as an amateur.

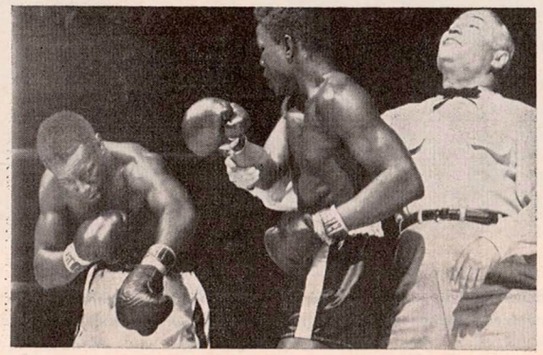
He turned pro in 1948 and though he was far from a sensation, his punch made it difficult for him to obtain matches. He was stopped in his second outing by Charley Baxter in three rounds and then quickly wiped that off the slate with a decision over Baxter. In and out, looking good one night, appearing to be a raw novice the next, for the first three years, Akins stopped and started, oftentimes remaining inactive from six to nine months.

It was in 1951 that Akins began showing something of his current caliber. He twice defeated Bud Smith, who was to go on to win the world lightweight title, and hammered home decisions over Tommy Campbell, Freddie Dawson and Luther Rawlings. After losing two decisions to Joe Brown, Virgil took the third fight from him.

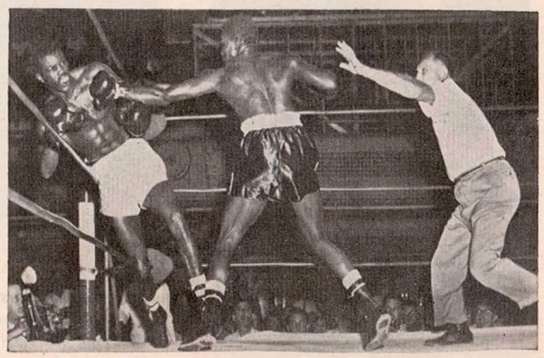
The next year saw a string of four kayoes broken when he tangled with Johnny Saxton, who later was to win the welterweight title. He floored Saxton in the first round, but Johnny rallied to get the decision.

After that Akins dropped to the low of his career, when he lost to Joe Miceli and in 1953, being decisioned by Johnny Gonzalves and having Phil Kim stop him in the tenth round.

Again fights were few and far between in 1954 when he entered the ring only three times, taking two bouts, one of them worth only $164 to him.



Outpointed all the way, Virgil Akins (right) found the range and dropped Isaac Logart twice in the sixth round before referee Harry Kessler halted the bout at Madison Square Garden.



Have A Hart! Referee Lou Parker rushes, unsuccessfully, to stop Virgil Akins from inflicting further punishment on Sugar Hart in Cleveland bout. The big right hand dropped Hart, stopped bout.

ALL CHAMPS

By JOHNNY SALAK

AKINS GETS REALLY SERIOUS WITH BRILLIANT FIGHT IN 1955

The year 1955 saw him in high gear for the first time, when he scored knockouts over Johnny Brown and Tommy Maddox, drew with Brown, halted Ronnie Delaney in eight rounds in New York when no one was turning in that kind of work, kayoed Joe Miceli in one and Billy Suddeth in eight, and then decisioned Isaac Logart and Harold Jones.

True to form, Akins wound up the year by losing to Logart in New York's Garden, putting up such a poor showing that he undid all the good he had accomplished. Ranked third at the time, he was dropped to sixth and wasn't considered seriously as a contender.

After that Akins fought off the main drag, retaining a post among the rated men merely on the basis of being active and not losing too often, though opponents were not of top drawer quality. Rudolph Bent in Holyoke, Clarence Cook in Dallas, Mel Barker and Andy Watkins in E. St. Louis, Hector Constance in St. Louis, Don Jose in Monroe, La., Charlie Sawyer in Hollywood and Pat Lowry in Miami constituted his work for 1956, all of them kayo victims with the exception of Constance, whom he decisioned, and Sawyer, to whom he lost.

Akins won his first five fights in 1957, defeating Sammy Walker, Al Andrews, Franz Szuzina, Jimmy Beecham and Walter Byars, before losing to Szuzina in St. Louis. After

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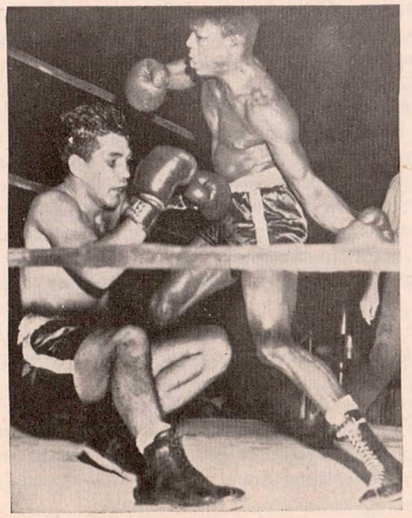


The guy squaring off above is Virgil Akins, whose power-laden fists won for him the world welterweight title after years of both brilliant and frustrating performances. One of his best efforts (left) put him in the elimination tournament when he kayoed former champion Tony DeMarco in fourteen rounds, dropping him three times in that session.

OLYMPIAN HODGE TO FORE

International mat star may follow Berlenbach's course to ring glory

By TED CARROLL

HEAVYWEIGHT hopefuls come and go. But looming on the fistic horizon is a young man who looks like something special in the endless parade of aspirants who, down through the years, have set their sights on the heavyweight championship. His name is Dan Hodge, a two-time Olympic Games competitor in—not boxing—but wrestling, who became a fighter on a dare and was the most surprised person present when he flattened his first foe in jig time, in an amateur tournament.

From this blasting beginning this Colorado University graduate went on to seventeen successive wins, fourteen of them by knockouts. The last of these was a two-round kayo over a formidable rival which brought him the National Golden Gloves title and triggered one of the most fervid demonstrations in the history of that tourney in New York's Garden. Hodge had to battle his way to his dressing room through clusters of delirious enthusiasts.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Dan Hodge looks like a typical mid-western football player. Married and the father of two, there is nothing immature about him. Dan is no yokel, eyes popping and flustered under the spell of the big city, but an earnest, dedicated, clear thinking fellow who admits that he is turning "pro" because he knows of no better way of gaining financial security for his family than through success in the ring.

"I should know soon enough if professional boxing is the thing for me, and if it is not, you can bet that I'll try something else in a hurry. On the other hand, if I do make good I know that it will be well worth it," Hodge says.

Leading the chorus of confidence in Hodge's prospects is veteran trainer and long time Sugar Ray Robinson attache, George Gainford, who joyously confides that one of his greatest moments in boxing came when he was tapped by the Hodge directors as advisor to their hopeful.

GAINFORD CALLS HODGE STRONGEST MAN IN RING

"When the people behind Hodge picked me to train this great prospect, I was thrilled. We all know that every trainer, every handler, every manager in America has been trying to make connections with this boy. Words can't express my feelings and my great desire to see this boy go all the way," Gainford explained.

"You know it's been years since anything like this has happened. Jack Blackburn made champions out of Bud Taylor and Sammy Mandell, and I'm going to try my darndest to do the same with this kid, because there hasn't been a setup like this since Blackburn and Mandell.

"When they called me in to watch Dan work, I told them honestly that he had a great deal to learn, but all of us at Harry Wiley's Gym, including Robinson himself, are amazed at the way he catches on. And such natural ability! I don't think there's a stronger man in the ring."

"When he got off the floor to win the Gloves, he showed everybody he could take it and come back. He already has a natural punch, and once we get him using those combinations I teach all my fighters, just watch out.

"I've had many a heavyweight come to me, including some of the best Golden Glovers but none of them rated with Dan for strength, gameness and ruggedness."

If Hodge should some day be champion, he won't be the first former wrestler to turn the trick. Along with a side show strong man act, big Primo Carnera also did some wrestling, when discovered in a carnival by Frenchman Leon See. Paul Berlenbach, the old Paralyzer of the Twenties, like Hodge also gained his first athletic fame as an Olympic grappler. He competed in the 1920 games at Antwerp on the U. S. mat team.

HODGE, LIKE BERLENBACH, BECAME BOXER BY ACCIDENT

Also like Hodge, Berlenbach became a fighter purely by accident. Paul had outstanding potentialities as a matman, but possessed no fistic ambitions. One day, while he was exercising at the New York Athletic Club, the boxing coach, old Dan Hickey, stuck for a sparring partner for a protege, jokingly asked Berlenbach to spar with his boxer.

With nothing better to do, Berlenbach agreed, laced on a pair of gloves for the first time, and although he did not even know how to stand properly, swung wildly. After working on his unconscious charge for ten minutes to bring him to, Hickey had a brand new protege, and a fortune waiting for him.

Berlenbach became one of the most fearsome amateur fighters of all time. Weighing only 165 pounds he fought in the heavyweight class, making short work of all the local talent with one or two punches. Then followed a spectacular professional boxing career, during which he richly earned the nickname of the "Astoria Assassin" as he battled his way to fame and the world light heavyweight championship.

Most reformed grapplers have come to sudden grief as fighters because they made the switch too late in their athletic lives, and were easy prey for their swifter-striking, boxing-conditioned, opponents.

While boxing people are disposed to take college trained heavyweights lightly this shouldn't faze Hodge or his backers. Surprisingly, the record shows that considering the small proportion that try it, the rah-rah lads haven't done badly at all.

While no college man has yet won the big title, there need be no apologies for the professional contributions of Steve Hamas, Bob Pastor, Lou Nova or Roland LaStarza, all of whom were bona-fide contenders.

Penn State's Hamas beat former champion Max Schmeling, and Nova twice beat former titleholder Max Baer. Bob Pastor, from New York University, mopped up the field of contenders of his period, and had almost anybody but Louis been champion at the time, might have gone on to win the title.

COLLEGE BRED HEAVIES HAVEN'T DONE BADLY

Spectators were about evenly divided as to the rightful winner following LaStarza's disputed loss to Rocky Marciano eight years ago. Had the decision gone the other way, ring history would have taken an entirely different turn.

Still the men who, according to the most discerning ring students of long standing, stood the best chances of topping pugilism's pinnacle never made professional attempts. One was Warren Barbour, an undefeated amateur champion of a half century ago, a Harvard man, who afterwards sat in the United States Senate as a representative of the State of New Jersey.

As a college boxer, Barbour was never beaten, won every amateur championship, and enjoyed such high esteem that efforts were made to match him directly without benefit of pro experience with then champion Jack Johnson, as was done with Pete Rademacher last year.

Barbour, yielding to family pressure, proved adamant to ring blandishments. What would have happened had he turned "pro" must forever remain an enigma.

A couple of decades after Barbour, big Al Lassman, New York University football star, like Hodge trying boxing as a lark, knocked out an amateur champion with a couple of punches. This started a stampede of wild-eyed fight managers in the direction of Lassman, who was a giant standing six feet three inches tall and weighing 220 pounds.

When the smoke cleared, who but the genteel and dignified Jimmy Bronson should turn up with the prize. However, tragedy was to checkmate Lassman's bid. He lost his life by drowning. He was never beaten in 25 college and amateur bouts.

There has been no lack of the old college try in the ring but all some of the boys had to recommend them were pleasant manners and campus culture. This list would include big Sully Montgomery, a product of Centre College's famed "Praying Colonels" football team of many years ago, Les Marriner, of Illinois University, also an ex-gridder, the Mushky Jackson entry, big Jack Torrance, genial shot-putter from Louisiana State, Bud Gorman, boxing coach at Rutgers University for many years and a small Minnesota college alumnus, present Massachusetts boxing boss Henry LaMar from Virginia Univ., ill-starred Ed Sanders, 1952 Olympic champ, pro footballer Charley Powell, Yustin Sirutis, City College of New York alumnus, and Bert Whitehurst, Howard University graduate who is still trying.

Gorman, who once beat former heavyweight champ Jack Sharkey was a good boxer and the best of this group.

Floyd Patterson is the first and only Olympian to occupy the heavyweight throne. While Hodge did not compete in boxing in the Olympics, he still qualifies as a participant in the classic Games and it is not too far fetched to imagine him some day facing fellow Olympian Patterson in a contest to decide the professional boxing championship of the world.

Should this come to pass, the two former Olympians will afford interesting contrasts. The university-trained, ex-wrestler, Hodge who started his professional career at the age of twenty-five, and the one-time Brooklyn street gamin, Floyd Patterson who at twenty-two was already a world's champion. Boxing draws its talent from every walk of life and strata of society, be it in Olympic competition or as a professional livelihood, therein lies much of the appeal that makes it the most perennial and fascinating of sports.

It is quite possible that Hodge may go on to become the first college graduate to win the world's heavyweight title.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

WORLD RATINGS AS OF JUNE 25

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
1—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
5—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
8—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
9—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
10—**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
4—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
5—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
7—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
8—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**YAMA BAHAMA,** Bimini, B.W.I.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**PAOLO ROSI,** Italy
4—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
6—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
7—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
8—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
9—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
4—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
5—**EUGENE LeCOZANNET,** France
6—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
7—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
8—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
9—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
3—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
4—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
6—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
7—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, B.W.I.
8—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
10—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
VIRGIL AKINS, St. Louis, Mo.

1—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
2—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
3—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
4—**GARNETT (Sugar) HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
7—**CHARLIE (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
9—**MICKEY CRAWFORD,** Saginaw, Mich.
10—**GIANCARLO GARBELLI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

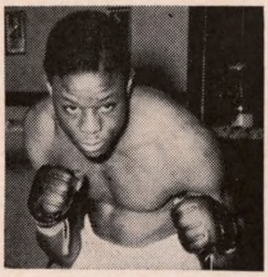
World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springfield, O.
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
5—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
6—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
7—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
8—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
9—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
10—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
8—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
9—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**MARIO DeLEON,** Mexico



VIRGIL AKINS
Fighter of the Month

THE newly crowned king of the welterweights, Virgil Akins of St. Louis, who stopped Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., in the fourth round of the final of the tourney to decide Carmen Basilio's successor, gained for Akins the "Fighter of the Month" Ring Award and a championship belt.

Harold Carter of Linden, N. J., recently discharged by the Army, has returned to our international ratings following his defeat of Willi Besmanoff in Madison Square Garden. He has replaced the German who is now making his home in America, and is listed in ninth position.

George Chuvalo of Toronto gained tenth ranking by fighting a draw with Alex Miteff, who as a result of this bout drops from sixth to seventh, exchanging places with Nino Valdes.

Willi Hoepner of Germany, the newly crowned European light heavyweight king, has rejoined the ranks of the cruiserweights. To make way for Hoepner, Uwe Janssen, another German, has been dropped and Willi is listed tenth, the post previously occupied by Janssen.

The middleweight division has only three changes. The triumph of Joey Giardello of Philadelphia over Franz Szuzina, enabled Joey to replace Gene Fullmer as the Number Two man. Fullmer has been dropped to third place. Yama Bahama replaced Willie Vaughn in ninth position, due to Bahama's easy win over Kid Gavilan.

Martinez's loss dropped him from second to third place with Isaac Logart of Cuba listed now as the Number One contender. Gaspar Ortega of Mexico has been upped from fourth to second and Garnett (Sugar) Hart of Philadelphia, who drew with Gil Turner, advanced from fifth to fourth place with Turner dropped to fifth. The advances were made on the basis of Akins landing the title.

Ralph Dupas, who recently was stopped by Joe Brown in a world lightweight championship fight and has been fighting as a 140 pounder most of the time, has decided to box in the welter class hereafter. He therefore has been taken out of his high post in the lightweight division and is rated seventh among the welters.

Johnny Busso of New York, who has been in and out of the lightweight rankings, is back again in tenth place, while Dave Charnley of England, southpaw British champion who defeated Joe Lopes in London, has gained a high place in the ratings, jumping from seventh to fourth place. Paolo Rosi gained one peg, up from fourth to third due to Dupas' entrance into the welter class and Carlos Ortiz of New York exchanged places with Joe Lopes, from seventh to sixth.

In the feather class, Flash Elorde of the Philippines advanced from fourth to third, exchanging posts with inactive Cherif Hamia of France. Ike Chestnut, who lost to Elorde, went down fifth to sixth, Gracieux Lamperti of France changing posts with him. Harold Gomes of Providence, R. I., advanced to eighth from tenth position, while Ricardo Moreno of Mexico dropped from eighth to tenth.

Leo Espinosa of the Philippines is rated second in the bantam class, a post hitherto held for some time by Mario D'Agata of Italy who has been demoted to third challenger.

The flyweight division finds Sadao Yaoita of Japan, the champion, up a peg from eighth to seventh, exchanging posts with Lefty Iwamoto of Tokyo. Mario DeLeon of Mexico is in tenth place, replacing Jimmy Abeyta whom he stopped.

Here are the month's outstanding fights:

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—LaMarr Clark, Cedar City, Utah
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Frank Weisgerber, Paterson, N. J.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Blair Richardson, Canada
WELTERWEIGHTS—Antonio Marcilla, Argentina
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Gordon Parker, Athol, Mass.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Tony Pardon, Venezuela
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Raul Olmos, Mexico
FLYWEIGHTS—Johnny Caldwell, Scotland

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley outpointed Art Swiden, 10.
Archie Moore outclassed Charlie Norkus, 10, and Howard King, 10.
Nino Valdes kayoed Johnny Summerlin, 5.
Pat McMurtry stopped Henry Hall, 7.
Brian London won British and Empire titles by halting Joe Erskine, 8. Harold Carter returned to action and battered Willi Besmanoff, 10. Willie Pastrano outboxed Franco Cavicchi, 10. Alex Miteff held to draw by George Chuvalo, 10.
Cleveland Williams decisioned Frankie Daniels, 10. Dick Richardson demolished Hans Friedrich, 4.
Australian champion Alan Williams retained title by outpointing Bob Murdoch, 15. Italian Champion Franco Cavicchi outfought South African title-holder, Gawie de Klerk, 10. Uber Bacilieri held to draw by light-heavyweight Rocco Mazzola, 8.
Massimo Zanaboni edged out Spanish Champion Jose Gonzales, 10. Federico Friso stopped Carlos Rocha, 2. Albert Westphal won German title by flattening Hans Kalbfell, 5.
Terry Lewis kayoed Edgardo Romero, 6. Bob Woodall kayoed Earl Atley, 4. Toni Gruber stiffened Hans Strelecki, 1.
Jose Georgetti kayoed Juan Carlos Banegas, 4, and Miguel Diaz, 1.
Karl-Heinz Wendt stopped Kenny Yates, 4.
Former Golden Glove champion Dan Hodge made his pro debut by kayoing Norm Jackson, 1. Waban Thomas kayoed Oscar Pharo, 2.
Johnny Harper defeated John Hobart, 6. Ernie Cab defeated Bill Pickett, 6. Bob Cleroux and Johnny Vick, drew, 6.
Bob Biehler kayoed Tony Gagliardo, 6. Sylvester Garrison kayoed Johnny Pew, 4. Ose Groom kayoed Abie Olds, 1.
Danny Logan kayoed Temple Jones, 1. Dean McGowan whipped Lejuin Burks, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Archie Moore outclassed Charlie Norkus, 10 (non-title) and Howard King, 10 (non-title).
Yvon Durelle defeated Germinal Ballarin, 10.
Mike Holt whipped Yolande Pompey, 10.
Willi Hoepner won European title when Artenio Calzavara was disqualified for butting in the sixth round.
Tony Anthony halted Orville Pitts, 5. Uwe Janssen decisioned Pedro Klyssen, 8.
Dieter Wemhoner outfought Horst Niche, 8. Billy Ryan kayoed Gordon Farnsworth, 5.
Johnny Riggins won from Ted Martin, 8. Roger Rouse kayoed Al Jackson, 1. Sonny Ray stopped Joe Tuvell, 3. Curley Lee halted Frank Lawson, 5. Juan Pomare defeated Cornelius Brown, 6.
Roger Wiley kayoed Gordon Gladson, 5, and bested Dick Tanner, 6. Bob Parish defeated Clyde Watson, 6. Frank Weisgerber stopped Marion Guzzo, 4.
Larry Maldonado whipped Orlando DiPierto, 6. Tommy Simms beat Ennis Cheatham, 5, but lost to George Price, 5. Norm Letcher kayoed Sonny Moore, 4. Von Clay kayoed Luther Chambers, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Willie Vaughn held to draw by Hank Casey, 10.
Yama Bahama outscored Kid Gavilan, 10.
Jimmy Martinez outboxed Dale Manz, 10.
Peter Muller defeated Phil Moyer, 10.
Joey Giardello edged out Franz Szuzina, 10.
Ellsworth (Spider) Webb edged out Jimmy Beecham, 10. Beecham defeated Battling Siki, 10.
Charley Joseph decisioned Milo Savage, 10. Andres Selpa kayoed Ismael Espana, 1, and Raul Tovar, 1.
Jimmy Martinez decisioned Jimmy Hegerle, 10. George Benton kayoed Jimmy Robinson, 4. Eduardo Lausse kayoed Sixto Tiselli, 1, and Ubaldo Sacco, 1. Sacco drew with Pedro Reynoso, 10.
Wilf Greaves outscored Clarence Riley, 10. Art Aragon halted Alfonso Flores, 6. Flores also lost to Ramon Hernandez, 10. Terry Downes beat Pat McAteer, 8. Australian Champion Clive Stewart outpointed Al (Tiger) Williams, 12.
Phil Moyer outscored Bobby Jones, 10. Erich Walter edged out Gerard Van Eyk, 8. Tony Dupas defeated Ramon Fuentes, 10, and stopped Gordon Van Loo, 7.
Oscar Rojas kayoed Santiago Meza, 2, and Juan Carlos Zalazar, 6. Otis Woodard stopped Eddie Andrews, 5.
Baby Linares defeated Evelio Rios, 10. Henry Hank kayoed Rudy Ellis, 4. Burke Emery defeated Jimmy Skinner, 10. Joe Ngidi defeated Billy McDonnell, 12. Gordie McDougall kayoed Billy Diez, 1 and Jerry Fraser, 5.
Former Olympic champion Jose Torres made his pro debut kayoing Gene Hamilton, 1, then beat Walter Irby, 6. Art Glass defeated Sherman Williams, 8. Kid Zacatecas halted Kid Hermosillo, 6, and Javier Sanchez, 7.
Freddie Little kayoed John Victor Penn, 4, and Larry Osbey, 1. Jackson Brown and Mickey Dwyer drew, 8. Joe DeNucci whipped Johnny Cunningham, 8.
Marcel Piau stopped Felix Machado, 6. Walcott Jackson stopped James Beard, 3, and beat Sherman Williams, 6. Spanish Champion Manolo Correa outboxed Heinz Sattler, 10.
Peter Muller escaped knockout in last round to win decision over Herbert Sowa, 8. Manuel Banuelos defeated Manuel Gutierrez, 10.
Andre Oueille stopped Louis Luchetti, 4. Leroy Oliphant won from Walter Irby, 6. Joey Archer won over Julie Jamison, 6.
Young Beau Jack beat Gussie Jones, 6. Johnny Houston kayoed Joe Neal, 1. Joe also lost to Cleo Frazier, 8. Kid Zorzal kayoed Buddy Baer, 4. Blair Richardson kayoed Russ Micholsky, 1 and K.O. O'Malley, 2.

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All That Glitters. Carlos Ortiz, rising young New York lightweight who is undefeated, looks on in admiration of wife whose hobby is studding ladies' shoes with sequins.

PROFILE

# of a gamester

By FRED EISENSTADT

WHEN lightweight Carlos Ortiz began to make headway in the ring, the inevitable murmurs of depreciation as to his skill commenced to filter through. Some said, "He's just a flash in the pan." Others, "He's not so hot; he'll be chilled by the next good boxer he meets." Or, "He's just a front-runner. Soon as the going gets rough he'll turn into a back-tracker." Also, "He can't take a good punch; fact is, he dreads it."

All of which have been disproved by Carlos himself. He did it by dint of flashy fisticuffing, solid socking, by displaying a stout fighting heart, facing powerful fists and unflinchingly exchanging wallops with hard punchers, and by getting up to punch out a victory.

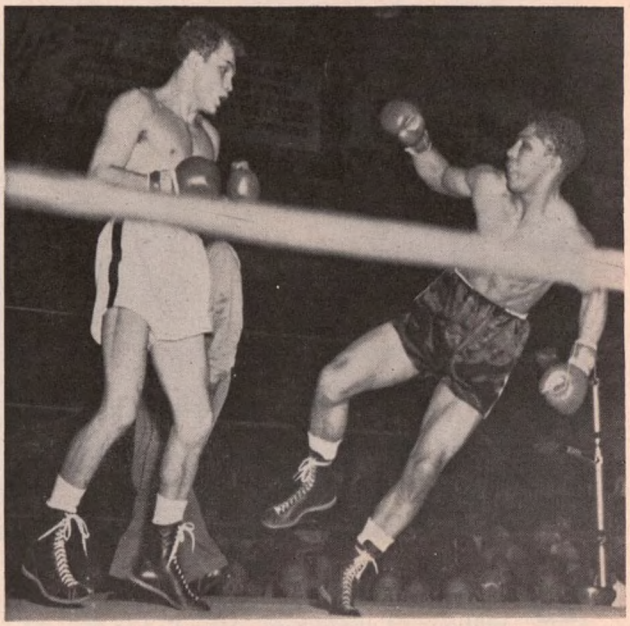
Ortiz displayed raw courage when he stood up to the veteran Tommy Tibbs, at his peak and beating good fighters, among them Willie Pep. The battle took place in Madison Square Garden last February. It was the first main event there for both, though Ortiz had boxed at that arena about a dozen times. Carlos confounded the skeptics and won

CARLOS ORTIZ Rates HIGH—
Lightweight Title Not Beyond Grasp

over the dissenters by standing his ground and swapping stunners with the Boston dynamo.

More than that: Carlos outslugged his rough rival, to gain a unanimous ten-round decision.

In California, on May 9, Ortiz moved a few notches further up The RING ratings when he punched out a unanimous 10-round verdict over Joey Lopes, ranked Number 4 contender, in a rousing setto. It was the twenty-seventh victory for Carlos, in 28 bouts, the other being termed "No Decision".



Carlos Ortiz (left) started making his move up the lightweight ladder of ranking fighters when he won a unanimous decision over Joe Lopes, then No. 4, in Hollywood a couple of months ago. He made good use of a wicked left to win the ten round argument.

CARLOS WAS SENT TO U. S. AT AGE OF EIGHT

As Lopes came charging in, fists swinging dangerously, Carlos caught him with perfectly timed blows that shook up the Sacramento socker. At no time did Ortiz flinch at the rushing tactics of his seasoned opponent. Carlos kept moving into position and peppering Joey with sharp jabs, or left hooks, or powerful rights to the chin. Ortiz took a number of solid smashes to the jaw without backing up, proving that he neither feared hefty wallops or was unable to withstand them.

Ortiz was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 9, 1936, and was christened Carlos Juan Ortiz. He's the fourth of two boys and five girls. His father worked as cook and waiter in a night club on the Island. At the age of eight, while in the third grade, Carlos and a six-year-old sister were sent to New York. The rest of the family followed later.

"Doris and I stayed with our godmother for one year," says Ortiz. "That is, till the rest of the family arrived." Then, after a thoughtful pause: "Kids in the neighborhood used to pick on me, called me a foreigner, not knowing that Puerto Ricans are a hundred percent American citizens. So I fought back to protect myself. Now those kids—all grown up—are among my most ardent rooters and followers. Odd how people change, isn't it?"

Carlos was eleven when he took up boxing at Madison Square Boys Club under the direction of Ashley Martella. There, also, he met Vincent Ferguson, whose father is now manager of both boxers. "Vinnie and I," explains the young Puerto Rican, "are more like brothers than just good friends. Ed Ferguson treats me like his own son."

In 1949-50, Vince and Carlos were successfully participating in intra-club boxing tournaments, Ortiz as a flyweight. In 1951 Carlos entered the PAL at Headquarters Gym, on Mulberry St., where Ferguson was head coach By the time 1955 rolled around Ortiz developed into a good boxer. He participated in four divisions: fly, bantam, feather and light—chalking up 33 victories in 34 contests.

"I won the PAL 118-pound and lightweight titles," Ortiz continued. "Also the 135-pound AAU title in 1954-55. Vinnie Ferguson and I often boxed in the same tournaments. In 1953, we were selected to represent New York boxers opposing London scrappers. We flew to England where we scored impressive victories over their best."

At the age of 14, Carlos Ortiz was in business, operating a coal cellar on 28th Street, in New York City. He delivered coal, wood and ice to customers. When his family moved, his business career ended.

Carlos took up the machinist trade in Vocational High School. "But I didn't work at it much," he explained.

Ortiz turned pro under the guidance of Ferguson on Dec. 14, 1955, and has gone without a single setback in 28 ring tilts. "About my 'No Decision' bout," recalls the boxer. "It took place in Hollywood, California, on March 2, 1957. Actually, I kayoed Lou Filippo at the end of the 9th round. But since I delivered the punch as the gong sounded, the punch was considered illegal. For that reason the bout was declared N.D."

(Left) Carlos and the former Norma Tull were married in June 1957, now live in a comfortable little apartment in the Bronx. (Right) A member of the National Guard, Ortiz (in uniform) gets the right kind of shakes when meeting Carmen Basilio.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE SAVED IN HOT FIGHT IN EUROPEAN CONVENTION BRITISH NOT READY FOR AMERICA'S BEST

"BOXING'S ills and how to cure them", was the chief topic at the European Boxing Union's annual convention in Luxembourg. Attending as the sold representative of America, I was surprised at the deep concern of eleven European countries at the withdrawal of the National Boxing Association from the World Championship Committee.

The entire morning of the opening day's session was devoted to a discussion on the course to be followed in the recognition of world title holders and their challengers without the support of the N.B.A. For a time it appeared that the Championship Committee would be disbanded. But at the urgent request of the President, J. Oswald Fane of London, and Eduardo Rabret of France, the delegates voted unanimously to have the Committee carry on, with the hope that the N.B.A., even without membership, will fall in line and avoid dual title holders.

Count Rossi, Vice-Chairman of the E.B.U. and head of the Italian Federation, stressed the point that the championship committee had done nothing to help European boxers, and that Europeans did not get equal opportunity with Americans to compete for world titles. He declared that when the Commission permitted a champion to select one of the top three contenders, such action merely enabled the title holder to avoid meeting the best man by selecting not the leading challenger, but one not as well qualified.

Because of this condition, he pointed out, Italy's top boxers were shoved aside as in the case of Dulio Loi, who he said, was rated number one for a long time yet couldn't get the World Championship Committee to support his claim for a title bout.

Rossi argued strongly against continued E.B.U. support of the world committee, as did many others. Some criticized the make-up of the body. Their contention was that since the New York law prohibits representation of the State Commission in any foreign organization, Julius Helfand, its chairman, as an individual, does not command the support of New York as a legislative body, nor can he act for the remainder of the country, all of which, except Massachusetts is represented by the N.B.A.

WORKING PACT WITH NBA SOUGHT AS SOLUTION

Rossi and his supporters urged the E.B.U. to follow the N.B.A. and withdraw from the Championship Committee and carry out its own recommendations, even if this conflicted with New York's contentions. The Italian leader urged the formation of a new body to be called the International Federation, if there is no other happy medium. This medium was finally agreed upon,—to seek support of the N.B.A. through a working agreement if such can be made.

President Fane pointed out that Helfand had to respect his state laws and though he holds membership on the committee only as an individual, he does confer with his colleagues on all matters pertaining to the welfare of boxing, whereas the N.B.A., made up of an infinite number of states each with its own rules, often failed to carry out its own rulings if such might prevent a particular state from obtaining a match it was eager to get.

Rabret, Secretary-General of the E.B.U., attacked the suggestion of Rossi for the set-up of an International Federation, declaring it would bring about greater confusion. In his opinion, nothing was workable without the wholehearted participation of the Americans—both New York and the N.B.A.—and he urged that the committee be given the opportunity to obtain an agreement with the N.B.A. Without its membership on the committee, any effort to work for international unanimity in boxing would be hopeless.

Count Rossi concluded:

"I never doubted the sincerity of the Chairman of the New York Commission in attempting to give proper recognition to European challengers. But I'm afraid that Julius Helfand has not always been able to free himself from the pressure of forces against which he had to struggle. It is our desire to obtain control over all world titles and not be willed by America. We must receive proper evaluation for all boxers of the world and to do so, we in Europe must raise our voices in protest over the passing of our top rated boxers in favor of boxers in America with less ability."

U. S. FINANCIAL ABILITY COMES IN FOR BLAST

A further attack on the commercialism of boxing in America was made by the Belgian representative who declared, "we cannot discuss sportsmanship with managers and promoters. Television fees are enormous in America where, by means of which the International Boxing Club can offer fabulous fees to prevent us from obtaining a title fight in any part of Europe. The purse counts most."

I was asked to express an opinion on behalf of America. I asked if in France, Italy and England similar conditions didn't prevail. Where else, I inquired, could Hogan Bassey and Alphonse Halimi receive such large sums as were paid them in America?

Concerning attacks on the World Championship Committee, I asked if the opportunity given to Bassey and Halimi, and the extended cablegrams sent to George Barnes of Australia and to Peter Waterman of England to enter world eliminations, were not ample proof that the Committee had acted in good faith on behalf of all boxers and not only Americans.

I also asked if it were not true that the reason so many Europeans and other foreigners keep coming to America was to obtain the benefits of big television money, something not obtainable in E. B. U. territory? We in America are suckers for handing out money to foreign fighters of ordinary ability, to the exclusion of boxers possessing better qualifications, I pointed out.

It was through the World Committee, I pointed out, that two titles were gained by their representatives—Bassey and Halimi—and whether the Committee receives further world support or not, it must be credited with having accomplished considerable during the regime of Julius Helfand. Following my statement, the unanimous consent for further participation was voted the E. B. U. representative on the World Committee.

A right hand punch by Brian London that lands flush on the chin of Joe Erskine, spelling finish to the champ of Great Britain and the British Empire. The kayo sock was landed in the eighth round of the White City Stadium, London, match.

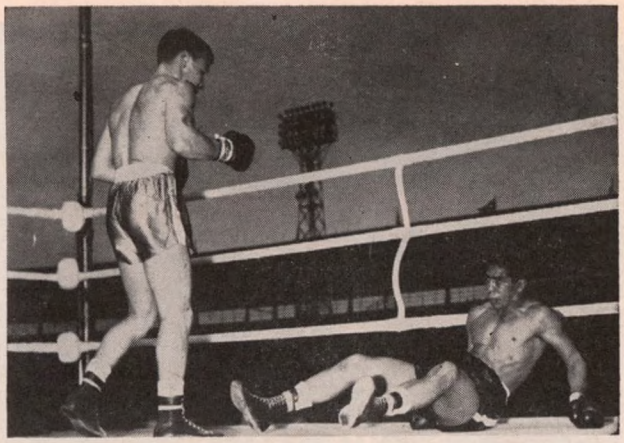
EUROPE SPAWNS LEGISLATIVE OPPOSITION TO BOXING

America's boxing ills are little compared to those of Europe where, in addition to a shortage of talent, and strikes, concerted efforts are being made by legislators to ban the sport—both amateur and professional. In Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, legislation for the abolition of boxing as a dangerous sport has been introduced.

Dr. Ullmark, noted Norwegian physician and sportsman, informed the E.B.U. delegates that boxing has been saved in his country by the small margin of only three votes but that the measure will come up again before the end of the year.

Dr. Mathies, Chicago-born educator who two years ago was appointed National Minister of Sports for Belgium, has saved boxing at least temporarily for his country through the passage of a measure that will give his organization complete control over licensing boxers, managers and promoters and will enable him to place boxing as an extracurricular sport in the high schools as part of his physical education program. However, the bill must first receive the approval of the government.

In Holland, the press is against boxing, especially the professional kind. The papers have pointed to the influx of gangsters as listed by the American press as a reason for their attitude. Though public sentiment is for boxing, legislator-foes in many countries in Europe have made tremendous inroads.



British lightweight champ, Dave Charnley, won decisive victory over highly rated Joe Lopes to climb from seventh to fourth position among the world lightweights. The bout took place at London, England.

EUROPEAN INTERVIEWERS QUESTION ABOUT MONOPOLY

In my European television appearances the monopoly problem was one of the first brought up by interviewers. Apparently foreign scribes and sports commentators fail to realize that conditions in America are little different from those in their own country. Less than half a dozen promoters have control of boxing on a large scale in all Continental Europe.

Gilbert Benaim is the controlling power in France and generally does the booking for most of the big European clubs when a match of any importance is made. Throughout France and Italy, the major boxing countries, most of the top promoters are not only such, but also the managers of the leading boxers. Through their American representatives they have an exclusive control of American bookings.

I pointed out that even in England, where the British Boxing Board of Control rules with an iron hand, major boxing is controlled by Jack Solomons and Harry Levine. Between them they stage almost all the international competitions. As in Continental Europe, promoters in many sectors are also directly or indirectly managers of important boxers.

America has no strangle hold on such monopoly. You'll find the condition wherever boxing is staged on a big scale. The great difference, of course, is in the hold the International Boxing Club has on American television. In Europe, TV is used only for minor events.

In order to conform with the British regulations, hereafter if a champion of Europe is defeated in a contest in which a national crown is at stake, he will lose his European title.

American referees who have been booed and panned by the press for their poor judgment in rendering decisions, may find solace in the fact that they have plenty of company in Europe. Following a denunciation by the Italian Federation of questionable verdicts rendered in international bouts the E. B. U. decided to take a firmer grip on the assignment of officials in international contests and agreed to bypass referees whose decisions have been blasted.

It might be a good idea for American commissions to decide on a similar course. We can well weed out the incompetents, many of whom, despite repeated boners, have received most of the top assignments.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

Johnny Lyons, formerly with the USAF and trainer of many service fighters. Sheppard Air Force Base fighters will well remember him.

BALZER "Gunner" Lowenstein, Army boxing team coach that won the Interservice team championship, gets the nod for being the best prognosticator around. He predicted, one week before the matches, that Army would win the crown and even named the exact weight divisions that his fighters would win.

John Dean, Cherry Point MCAS, N.C., former All-Navy middleweight boxing champion and winner of 87 of 97 pro bouts, including a victory over Archie Moore, won his greatest battle recently when he licked a serious heart attack.

Corporal Raymond Sheffield is scheduled to get his discharge from the Marine Corp. The big blond from Galena Park, Texas now tips the beam at 190, and is anxious to embark upon a professional boxing career as soon as he gets back to Texas. He's stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. with the 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division. He captured the Regimental smoker heavyweight title in March, and was given the outstanding fighter award. A devastating puncher, Sheffield may make a name for himself in boxing. At Galena Park he played three years of Junior High football, and one year of High school football.

TWO OF A KIND

Camp Pendleton, Calif. Winning wrestling laurels seems to come naturally to the Belz twins, members of the mat squad here.

Since the start of their careers in high school, Bob and Bud Belz have hung up a combined record of 269 wins, 22 losses and eight draws out of 299 matches.

Their latest honors came as a result of their placing in the National AAU Tournament at San Francisco. Bud, the oldest by 35 minutes, won the 147-pound Greco-Roman title and Bob wound up in third spot in the 125-pound freestyle competition.

Prior to the national matches, Bud, the first Marine to win a national title, wrapped up the All-Marine 147-pound title for the third straight year. He was voted the outstanding wrestler in Southern California and was awarded the Paul Walker Perpetual Trophy.

When he won the All Marine title for the second time, Bud set a mark that is going to be hard to beat. He went through the entire tourney without a mark against him, pinning six opponents in the elapsed time of 6 minutes and 26 seconds.

Bob, third in the All Marine tourney, has lost only one dual meet in his entire career. He has won 80 of 90 matches, losing six and drawing in four.

From Cleveland, Ohio, they joined the Marine Corps in 1955. Both won Novice AAU and Senior AAU titles in Los Angeles.

This past season they also won the 11th Naval District crowns, were runners-up in the Far Western AAU tourney, and both won firsts in the Greco-Roman Development tourney at San Diego, Calif.

Bolling AFB, D. C. . . . According to the Chinese calendar, this is the Year of the Dog. Judging from the Interservice Boxing Tournament just concluded here, it is possibly the year of the underdog.

Of the six 1957 champions who climbed the 1958 pugilistic ladder to this classic, only three retained their crowns. To cap off this year of fistic upsets, a talented Marine squad surrendered their team title to a razor-sharp Army squad.

After only the third match of the finals—when Donald Johnson won over Marine Frank Guelli in the featherweight division—Army was assured of at least a tie for the team title.

This assurance was possible because of Army dominance in the previous night's preliminary fights, which cut the field of 40 boxers, 10 from each service, into half for the title bouts.

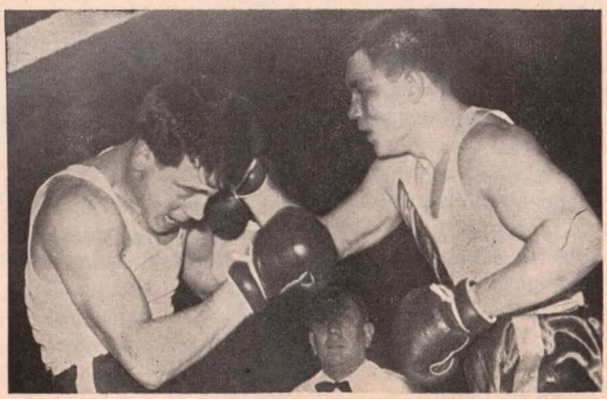
Of the 20 preliminaries, Army won nine, six were won by Marines, three by the Air Force and two by the Navy. As soon as two of the Army men won interservice crowns a team victory would be in sight.

Team points were calculated on a 3-1-1 basis; three points for an interservice title, one point for a preliminary win and one point for any defeat in the tourney.

Donnie Adamson, Fuchu AB, Japan, retained his flyweight championship of the Armed Forces when Navy's Chick Brady from the destroyer Damato was unable to make the 112-pound weight in the finals.

Army was on the way when Gerry Armstrong, Ft. Bragg, N. C., flashing the best left jab seen in this year's service championships, punched out a victory over Walter Nakema, Kaneohe MCAS, T.H.

Then Johnson slugged it out toe-to-toe in his battle with the Marine from Beaufort MCAAS, S.C. The Ft. Lewis,



Bernie Soto (right) throwing a right to the head of Antonio Clementy, Luxemburg champion. Soto won the decision.

USAF 1958 champions (Germany): Front row: Francis Kason, flyweight; Edgar Wilson, bantamweight; Bill Cherry, lightweight; Spencer Brown, featherweight; and Bernie Soto, middleweight. Top row: Aaron Clement, light heavyweight; Carl Hamilton, welterweight; Herman Wenzel, light middleweight; Bill Daniels, light heavyweight; Alonzo Witherspoon, heavyweight.

Wash., boxer wearied in the third round but earned a clear-cut decision.

Aggressive Bill Cherry, Templehof AB, Germany, drew the night's first blood in his victory over lightweight Harry Campbell of Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Campbell had come into the finals by virtue of posting a real upset the night before over veteran Luis Molina, 1957 Interservice champion and pride of the Marine Corps.

In a pier-six brawl, Thomas Schafer, Camp Lejeune, N. C., earned the Marines their first 1958 Interservice title with the defeat of Joe Mangiapane from Ft. Campbell in the light-welterweight division.

In the welterweight class, hard-punching Dick Turner scored the only TKO of the finals when he decked Marine Billy Hailes. Turner, from Hawaii's 27th Inf. Div., missed several opportunities before he got across the punch that ended it for the Quantico slugger. Referee Eddie LaFonde stopped the fight at 2:43 of the third round.

In the 156-pound, light-middleweight class, it was Roosevelt Charles of Camp Lejeune all the way over Eddie Kitchens, Ft. Riley, Kan. In defending his 1957 title, Charles showed tremendous style in heavily outscoring the talented Riley fighter.

Larry Howard, Navy's only fighter to suit up for the finals, was defeated by speedy Dick Lee from USAREUR in the middleweight fight. Howard, from Cecil Field NAS, Fla., came into the finals by defeating 1957 titlist George McCorkle of Bolling AFB.

Southpaw Amos Johnson, Kaneohe MCAS, earned the final Marine win in a see-saw battle with Andy Slaughter, Ft. Eustis, Va., in a light-heavyweight contest.

Powerful Allen Hudson, defending heavyweight champion from Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Billy Daniels, Hahn AB, Germany, clashed in the finale with Hudson winning.

SOTO KNOCKING 'EM DEAD

Germany's (USAFE) Bernie Soto is still knocking them dead in the ring, adding his 28th kayo to his record.

Soto is 22 years old and hails from Puerto Rico. His father is a fine mechanic. He has three sisters and one brother. Soto hopes to turn pro as soon as he is discharged from the service which will be in a couple of months. He loves Latin-American music.

Soto spends most of his spare time teaching boys the art of self defense. Presently he is manager of the A.Y.A.P. (American Youth Athletic Program). He personally supervises at present 50 boys between the ages of 6-12. Soto trains the boys and referees many of the matches. He has a deep attachment for his "little champs". Some of Bernie's "Misquito Tournament" have drawn well.

Presently Soto is finishing a course in Business Administration and Management at which he hopes to work when his fistic days are over. Soto has a sweetheart, Ann Rose Rogers of Lynwood, Calif., whom he will marry upon his discharge from service.

Soto's biggest booster is Johnnie Lyons, formerly of the USAF himself. Lyons was physical instructor in the Air Force and academic teacher. He personally wrote and illustrated the physical training program used at Sheppard AFB, Texas for the basic trainees.

VINCENT SCORES 1,000TH SCREEN KAYO

Motion picture audiences the world over have seen Sailor Billy Vincent in action and his name means little if anything to them. Yet, for the past 30 years, he has been adding to the excitement of movie brawls.

A former Navy welterweight boxing champ, Vincent figures he scored his 1,000th screen knockout during a wild nightclub scrap with Andy Griffith and Myron McCormick in "No Time for Sergeants."

Following his hitch in the Navy, the battling sailor turned to the pro ranks and fought 268 times. One of his fights was with Jack Britton, all-time great welterweight titlist.

Commenting on that fight, Vincent says, "I laid a hand on him only twice during the entire fight—once when we shook hands at the beginning of the fight and again when we shook hands after it was over."

Sailor became a film fighter in 1927 in "The Fleet's In" with Clara Bow and Jack Oakie and has been making a nice living at it ever since.

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THIS FEATHER STILL FLYING

Willie Pep, now in his nineteenth year of professional boxing, has compiled amazing record of 213 triumphs in 222 starts, and hopes to keep going until he gets another chance at featherweight title.

By JERSEY JONES

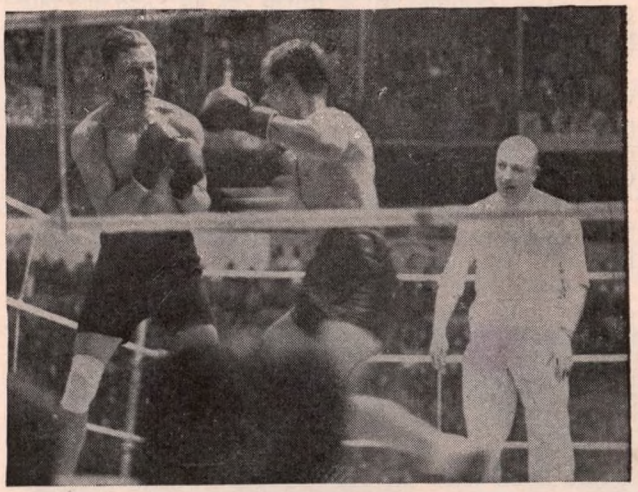
Willie Pep, Not So Young But Still a Craftsman, Pointing for All-Time Record for Official Ring Victories.

ALREADY recognized as one of the most remarkable fighting machines the ring has produced in this generation, Willie Pep seems well on his way to establishing at least one more notable record before he finally hangs up the padded mittens.

The new mark that will-o'-the-wisp Willie is aiming at is the most official victories ever accounted for by a prominent fighter in professional competition.

Up to this writing, Pep, campaigning in the money ranks since 1940, has posted 213 triumphs in 222 starts.

Only three other ringsters rated as Big Time operators have put together as many as 200 victories. Pep has already passed the 209 chalked up by Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom in 288 bouts from 1923 through 1939. The next goal in Wee Willie's ambitious campaign is the 222 registered by Willie (Young) Stribling in 282 starts from 1921 to 1933. Once he reaches that total, Pep will go after the all-time high held by another former featherweight champion, Freddie Miller, who started boxing in 1927, finished the year Pep began and ended with 230 victories in 266 outings. If he can continue at the pace he has been traveling, and avoid serious injury or illness, Pep should equal Miller's figure by 1960.



Holder of all-time record for official victories, with total of 230, globe-trotting featherweight champion Freddie Miller (right) is pictured beating Jose Gerones in Spain.

BUSY OLD-TIMERS.

Through the years scores of outstanding fighters crowded more fights into their careers than Miller, Stribling, Rosenbloom and Pep. Such ringsters as Jack Dillon, Battling Levinsky, Jack Britton, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Johnny Dundee and Harry Greb, to list only some of the better known, ended their ring activities with bout totals ranging from 300 to 400. They were winning fighters but, unfortunately for scoring records, they functioned mainly in an era when no-decision bouts were prevalent throughout most of the United States. Only a knockout or a disqualification could offer an "official" verdict in a no-decision affair.

Even though Pep eventually will probably pass their

winning totals, Willie never will be able to match either Stribling or Miller in mileage covered during their ubiquitious careers. Pep has made a few jaunts beyond the territorial limits of the United States. In fact, three brief trips to Canada and one to Nassau represent the complete extent of his "foreign" travels. Stribling and Miller were busy tourists to alien climes—and they didn't have the convenience of today's fast airplanes. They did their journeying in long, often tedious, rides by train and ship. Both fought in Mexico, Europe and South Africa. Miller also campaigned in Cuba and Venezuela, while Stribling showed in Egypt and Australia.

Pep has one distinct advantage over Miller and Stribling. That is in the matter of winning percentages. Willie has chalked up an amazing mark of .959 against Miller's .864 and Stribling's .802.

Pep's record assumes even more remarkable proportions when it is remembered that Willie's ring career has been interrupted several times. During World War II, he did short hitches in both the Army and the Navy, and in 1947-48 he was out of action for seven months recovering from injuries suffered in a 'plane crash.

AMAZING WINNING RECORD.

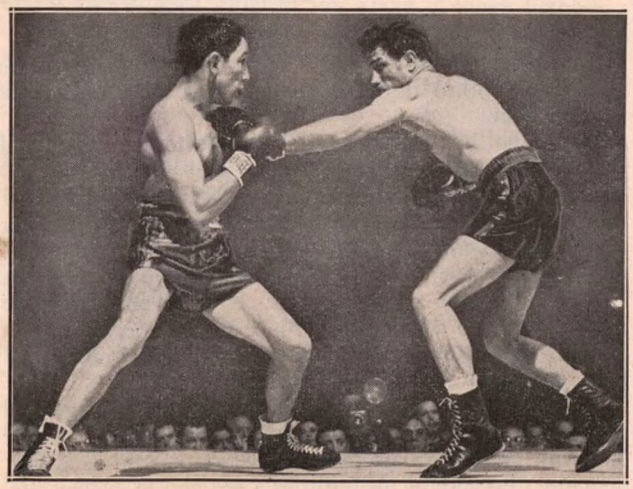
Willie has put together some of boxing's outstanding winning streaks. After coming out of the amateurs in 1940, Pep went three years before suffering his first defeat as a professional. He had run off 62 straight wins when he dropped a decision in Madison Square Garden to heavier, stronger Sammy Angott, later world lightweight champion.

Pep promptly resumed his winning ways, and it was five years before he lost again. In that span one draw, with Jimmy McAllister in Baltimore, marred a sensational 74-bout run. (Pep squared accounts for that draw by flattening McAllister in a return match in New York.)

No top-ranking fighter in professional ring history ever came close to Pep's amazing record of one draw and one defeat in 137 bouts.

Along the way, Wee Willie acquired the world featherweight title and cleared up a mess of confusion that enveloped the championship after Henry Armstrong relinquished it in 1938.

With the various boxing boards refusing to get together on a sensible arrangement, a steady parade of title claimants had been clogging up the scene. In bewildering succession, Mike Belloise, Joey Archibald, Harry Jeffra, Petey Scalzo, Richie Lemos, Jackie Wilson, Jackie Callura, Phil Terranova, Chalky Wright and Sal Bartola had been recognized by the competing authorities.



Pep came out of amateurs to score 62 straight wins in three years as a pro before he met his first defeat at hands of heavier Sammy Angott (right), later world lightweight champion.

When Pep arrived on the premises, Wright and Bartola were the rival claimants. Chalky was endorsed by the New York commission and Bartola by the National Boxing Association. Willie settled things by beating them both. He whipped Wright in Madison Square Garden in November, 1942, and the following June he journed to Boston to eliminate Bartola.

Incidentally, Pep was only 20 when he established himself as the best featherweight in the world.

Sketch of Willie (Young) Stribling, another noted tourist, who holds second high in victories with 222. Stribling was still adding to total when his life ended tragically in motor crash.

A FIGHTING CHAMPION.

During his reign as ruler of the featherweight roost, Pep was an active champion. He gave both Wright and Bartola chances to regain the laurels, and beat them both in Madison Square Garden. Another ex-claimant, Phil Terranova, also was accommodated and beaten in the Garden. In two other championship defenses, Pep disposed of Jock Leslie in Flint, Mich., and Humberto Sierra in Miami.

It wasn't until October, 1948, that Pep finally met up with real trouble. That was when he tangled with Sandy Saddler in the first chapter of their historic four-bout series in New York. The first meeting resulted in a sensational four-round knockout victory for Saddler in Madison Square Garden. Four months later the rivals hooked up again in the Garden. This time Pep, with one of the most brilliant exhibitions of boxing ever seen in New York, was a decision winner in fifteen rounds.

In the next year and a half Willie made three successful defenses of his laurels, beating Eddie Compo in Waterbury, Charley Riley in St. Louis and Ray Famechon in New York.

Then came the third episode in the Saddler series. In September, 1950, the rivals hooked up in New York's Yankee Stadium. It was a savage brawl while it lasted, Pep claiming an injured shoulder and retiring in his corner at the start of the eighth round.

A year later, again in New York but this time in the Polo

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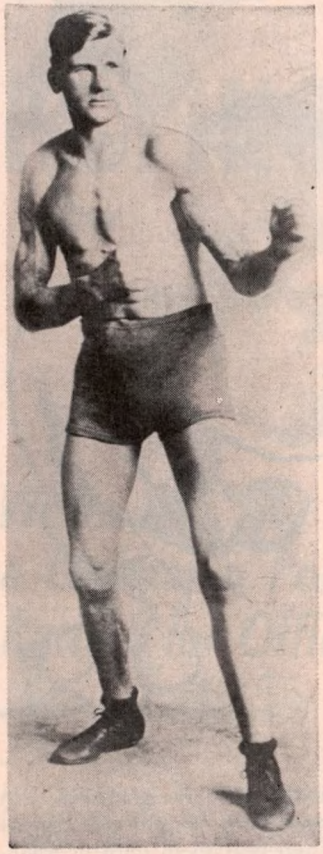
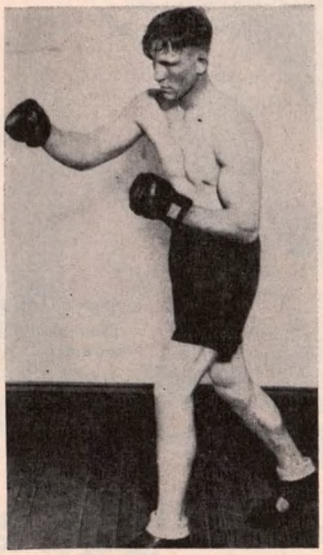
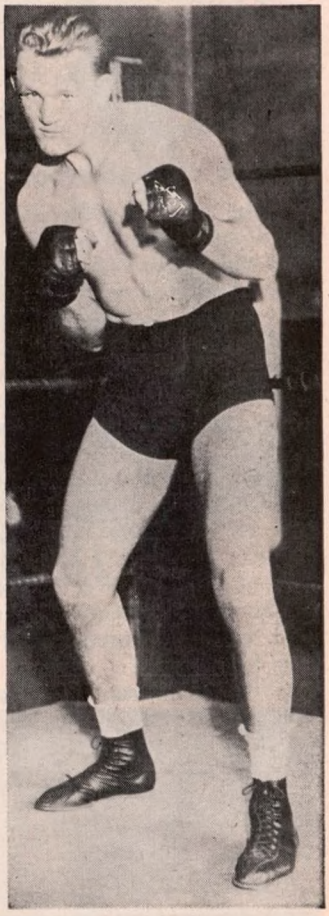
FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTERS

By
HEINIE MILLER

This Is The Third In A Series On Ringmen Who Were Developed In U.S. Navy And Gained Fame As Pros







(Left) Gunboat Smith, a sailor from the armored cruiser "Pennsylvania", might have been heavyweight champion in an era when there weren't so many great fighters. (Above) Eddie Huffman beat some fine heavyweights but was outclassed by Jack Sharkey, who could have knocked him out but didn't because "We're Navy shipmates." (Right) One of the most popular of the Fleet champions was Ernie Schaaf who took a severe beating from Max Baer and died after bout with Primo Carnera.

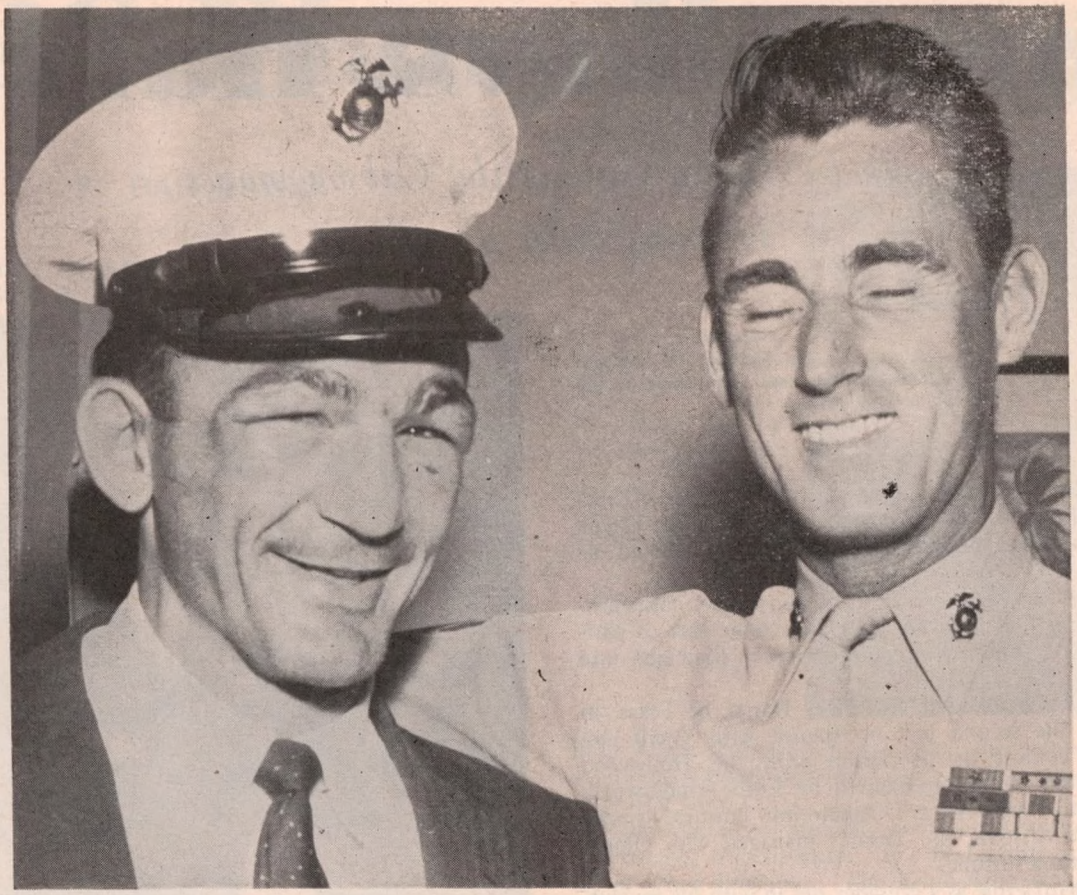
CROWNED as "The Fighter of the Year," and the recipient of mnay trophies from various organizations, Carmen Basilio, former middleweight champ, like Gene Tunney, has brought high honors to the Marine Corps where Basilio began his boxing in the Naval service while in the Pacific area. Carmen, his chief stock in trade, the courage and aggressiveness typical of the Corps' teachings, won the welterweight crown from Tony De Marco, lost it to Johnny Saxton, regained it from Saxton, then won the middleweight championship in a close battle from Ray Robinson and surrendered his welterweight crown. He then lost the middleweight crown to Robinson.

His triumph, his ascendency to the top rung of the ladder in his chosen profession, enabled the Naval Service to latch on to eight world championships won by six sea-going battlers—Basilio, two titles; Tunney, two; Jack Sharkey, Babe Risko, Ken Overlin, and Johnny Buff, one each, though in two of the above, the possession of the crown was not universally recognized. There probably isn't a profession which has turned out more champions or claimants to world crowns and top notch talent than the Navy. Some gobs came within reach of the title but the breaks were against them.

Had it not been for the rise of Basilio to fistic fame and the reams of publicity given him, I probably never would have thought in my retirement to delve into the past as I did when I was a sports writer and gather the material for this series. There hasn't been a fighter over the years—Navy man or otherwise—who has gained the public's eyes as has Basilio during the past two years. His forceful, aggressive battling, his sportsmanship, his love for outdoor recreation and his influence on the youth, has brought him a high place among those who have reached the top.

Basilio's record as a fighter in the Marines, is equalled by his fine record as a pugilist. The Marines are mighty proud of him and so are those whose job it is to keep boxing clean. Because of his status as a pro and in civilian life, he was awarded the Edward J. Neil trophy, the highest award in boxing.

During the days of the White Hopes when promoters



Carmen Basilio, then newly-crowned welterweight champion in 1956, cut up old touches with Tech. Sgt. Jerry Plunkett about their tour of duty with the Marines in the Pacific. Basilio began his boxing in the Naval service while in the Pacific area.

throughout the world were seeking a man to dethrone Jack Johnson as heavyweight king, Arthur Pelkey of Canada knocked out the most prominent member of the group, Luther McCarty at Calgary, Canada. McCarty apparently had entered the affair with an injury unknown to Promoter Tommy Burns, and within a minute after the bout had gotten under way, he collapsed and died after being removed from the ring. Pelkey then was matched with a tough heavyweight, Gunboat Smith, a sailor from the armored cruiser "Pennsylvania" and the Gunner, who often has refereed bouts in New York and is a runner in Wall Street, handed Pelkey an unmerciful beating. The latter was stopped in the fifteenth round.

Smith also stopped Fireman Jim Flynn, a tough hombre who previously had knocked out Jack Dempsey and had been stopped by the Manassa Mauler. The Gunner also defeated Big Jess Willard who later became world champion.

Gunboat Smith, like Sailor Tom Sharkey, might have gone on to win the most lucrative crown in boxing had he not had the misfortune to be active when many fine heavyweights were in the field.

When Gunboat Smith defeated Frank Moran in 20 rounds in San Francisco, that bout, had it been staged a few years earlier, would have been an all-Navy affair, pitting Edward J. Smyth, U.S.S. "Pennsylvania" against Quartermaster Frank Moran from the Secretary of the Navy's Yacht, "U.S.S. Sylph." Like the Gunner, Moran met the best heavyweights of his period, including Jack Johnson whom he fought in Paris.

Remember a Navy light heavyweight named Leo Lomski? He was good enough to defeat James J. Braddock twice.

Recall his great contest with Tommy Loughran in which the Philadelphia light heavyweight, battered into a subconscious state, walked in a trance around the ring, holding on to the ropes as he did so. Yet he sufficiently recovered as the bout progressed to gain the decision at the end of fifteen rounds and to retain his crown!

There is a good yarn behind the career of every Navy battler who made the grade in the field of professional pugilism.

From the U.S.S. "Rainbow" out China way, came a Navy boxer listed as William J. Walters. He was a terrific puncher. Soon, as Battling Billy Walters he was boxing in main event bouts in Chicago and other mid-western cities.

One day during a gym workout in Mullins' fistic emporium, he dropped a boxer named Leo Ketchel. Ketchel never regained consciousness. He died from a concussion. Walter's hair turned grey overnight. The change that came over him made an old man of him. He couldn't be consoled. He blamed it all on his punching power. He quit the ring, hung up his gloves, went out to California where he became a very successful advertising salesman.

A coal lighter was alongside the U.S.S. "Ohio." From the rail of a nearby ship veteran Navy trainer Paddy Ryan and I noticed the coordination and reflexes of a young sailor plying a coal shovel. We called the fellow up on deck.

Had he ever done any boxing? we asked. He said he hadn't but wouldn't mind trying it. That was all we needed. We were seeking talent of any kind and we figured he'd do—at least for a tryout. His name was Flournoy J. Kirk. He was a rugged guy from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

In no time he was boxing main bouts in San Francisco, losing only four rounders to Willie Hoppe, as who wasn't losing found rounders to Willie? In California and later in Denver, Kirk took the measure of some of our outstanding lightweights. He was born too soon. Kirk would have be-

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Patterson vs. Harris;

As D'Amato thaws title, Gibson moves in many other directions

Truman Gibson, new head of the International Boxing Club, tells of his plans to put new life into boxing.

AT long last, Cus D'Amato, the Holy Crusader of boxing, has consented to thaw out the heavyweight championship and let Floyd Patterson fight in its defense.

Amid great secrecy, and with cloak and dagger embellishments, crusader D'Amato has gone into some sort of partnership with Al Weill, who managed Rocky Marciano into the title.

Patterson is scheduled to fight Roy Harris, of Texas, in Los Angeles the second half of August, with Weill promoting the contest in association with the Hollywood Legion Stadium outfit, represented by Eddie Underwood.

Signing with Harris brings D'Amato into business association with Lou Viscusi, the Texan's manager, who piloted Willie Pep into a fortune.

How D'Amato's role as a crusader ties in with his involvement with Weill and Viscusi, both worthy and experienced hands in the boxing game, is not too evident.

However, the main thing is this—Patterson is to defend his world title against a professional boxer for the first time, and that means Progress, Interest, and Lift.

In connection with Weill's application to the California Commission for a license as a promoter, there was a conference between Al and Jack Urch, chief enforcement officer of the state body.

Urch questioned Weill on possible connection with Frank Carbo. Al announced that he knew Carbo, but had had, and did not now have, any business relations with him.

Although D'Amato refused to accept Eddie Machen and Zora Folley, top ranking contenders, he cannot be faulted too much for taking on Harris, who is rated No. 5 by The Ring Magazine.

The big desideratum is to get Patterson into a ring, somewhere, with somebody who looks as if he could give the champion a tussle.

Harris is no highly experienced boxer, but he is game and willing, and has demonstrated some hitting skill and power.

For the record, it is interesting that Patterson again will fight outside of the immediate influence of the International Boxing Club.

Floyd acquired the title under the aegis of the IBC when he stopped Archie Moore in Chicago. But his first defense, against Hurricane Jackson, was promoted in New York by Emil Lence, and the second was run by Jack Hurley, in Seattle, with the help of Youth Unlimited, Pete Rademacher's sponsor.

Now comes a third defense away from the IBC, which, at least for the time being, is helpless in the face of D'Amato's current policy.

If held in the Los Angeles Coliseum, the fight's attendance potential would be 120,000. It does not rate that kind of interest, but, with skillful handling and ungreedy box office scale, it could bring out a tremendous gate.

In addition to the take from spectators, the fight would go before the local public with $230,000 already in the treasury. This sum has been guaranteed by Irving Kahn, of TelePrompTer, for closed circuit theater television, which turned out so tremendous a success in the second fight between Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson.

According to Kahn, a Los Angeles fight, with Coast time three hours earlier than Eastern, would meet TelePrompTer requirements if the men answered the gong at eight o'clock.

Despite the castigations of Cus D'Amato against the International Boxing Club, and the "holy crusade" which he has been conducting against that organization, the fact remains that the IBC, and not D'Amato, is running boxing in the United States, and has important liaisons over seas.

It is, therefore, important to know what the IBC has in mind. How does it regard the chances of unravelling the heavyweight situation and producing action in this division, which sets the pace for all boxing?

What big matches are on the tapis? What is to be the IBC policy now that Jim Norris has moved out of leadership, and has turned it over to Truman Gibson, Chicago lawyer?

All of these queries were put to Gibson in his offices in Madison Square Garden.

The interviewer asked, *"Truman, what have you in process of organization? What is ahead for boxing in the United States?"*

"The state of the union in the ring certainly is chaotic," Gibson replied. *"But out of this situation there is a slow development of order, of better things, of better times.*

"However, I will say this about the heavyweight picture. Just so long as D'Amato persists in his ridiculous campaign to discredit us, and to prevent title competition in the class ruled by Floyd Patterson, there isn't much we can do. For that matter, how much has D'Amato done himself?"

IBC Plans Resurge

By DAN DANIEL

Heir to the matchmaker's job of the I.B.C. at Madison Square Garden, in New York, a job that Billy Brown resigned from recently, Jack Barrett is confident that the new regime will furnish fight fans with the kind of fighters and contests that they want to see.

LACK OF TITLE CHANCES PUTS DIVISION IN STATIC

"Patterson is a tremendous fighter," Gibson continued. *"The sport needs him in action very badly. You know the ancient ring maxim—as the heavyweight class goes, so goes boxing.*

"The IBC cannot make many heavyweight fights. You see, with Patterson sitting around doing nothing, and with D'Amato insisting that he will not talk with anybody having any relations with the IBC, the tremendous incentive of fighting for a title chance is lacking.

"Still, that situation is changing, slowly, but surely. Some heavyweights whom D'Amato had regarded as eligible are changing their allegiance. They find that starving in the interest of the D'Amato crusade is tough business.

"Now, in the July 24 match between Zora Folley and Pete Rademacher under the promotion of Youth Unlimited, I have been approached in the matter of a nation-wide telecast. As you know, Rademacher has been on the D'Amato side. Youth Unlimited was behind the Patterson-Rademacher affair in Seattle.

"The history of boxing proves that nobody ever has been able to keep any division, let alone the heavyweight, in a state of suspended animation. I do not believe that D'Amato is the superlative genius to achieve this as yet unattained state. However, I don't want to go into analysis of the D'Amato crusade."

GIVE UP TV NIGHT? WHAT ABOUT SPONSORS?

Asked if there appeared to be any chance to get together with D'Amato, Gibson replied, *"None whatever, just so long as he demands that we go out of business.*

"D'Amato says that before he will talk with us the IBC will have to give up a television night. The inference is that he wants this for himself.

"A television night is not a political prize to be tossed around. We developed boxing television. We have not even once, in nine years, failed to live up to our commitments with sponsors.

"Suppose we were to be so daffy as to concede that TV night to D'Amato. What about the sponsors? Would they accepte the change? We have proved that we are reliable. Would he be?"

At this point the question of the World Championship Committee's action on the Patterson title freeze came up for discussion.

The Committee has named four candidates for a Patterson match. It has said that if he does not pick one of the four it would move to declare the championship lost by forfeit.

The Ring Magazine, represented in the councils of the European Boxing Union in Luxembourg recently by publisher and editor Nat Fleischer, holds that boxing titles must be won and lost in the ring.

"The statement of the World Championship Committee might be called a highly politic one," Gibson laughed.

"Custom has been to name three men. I suppose that since Zora Folley and Eddie Machen fought a draw, they are regarded as an entry, one contender.

"It is further on the politic side because D'Amato has been negotiating with Roy Harris, who is one of the four. Add Willie Pastrano and you have the complete list. I would say it pretty well takes care of those who are entitled to a title shot.

"However, we of the IBC are not concentrating on the heavyweight title situation. We find strong popular interest in other directions. The lightweight, welter and middleweight champions are of tremendous allure to the fans, and we are working on these divisions with the confidence that the next two years will find boxing fighting back to solidity, success, and stability.

"Our first immediate concern has to do with middleweight champion Ray Robinson. We want him to fight Carmen Basilio a third time. The fight fans want this match, we seek it, Basilio is hot after the opportunity to recover the title.

"However, Robinson is confronted with a tax situation which may preclude his fighting in 1958 again. We are holding $360,000 of his which, if taxed in 1958, would bar his adding to that sum for this year's assessments.

"Now, if Robinson cannot fight—that is, with profit to himself—in 1958, we are not helpless, by any means. We have a counter attraction. Maybe even a better one, in the making."

At this point, the session was joined by Harry Markson, Gibson's aide in operation of the IBC.

"Truman refers to the possibility of Basilio's returning to the welterweight division for action, and challenging new champion Virgil Akins," Markson said.

"Akins has won for himself wide acclaim as a great fighter. A contest between Virgil and Basilio could grow into a big outdoor event."

"A Basilio-Akins fight might be more interesting than a Robinson-Basilio match from the competitive angle," Gibson broke in.

"In short, big things are jelling even without Patterson. Lightweight champion Joe Brown is accepted everywhere as a great fighter. Akins is rated a great champion. Robinson is one of the all-time greats.

"We have before us not only top grade title holders, but splendid contenders. These contenders are new men. They have spurred fresh interest. The fans like them.

"There is, for Brown, a Kenny Lane fight, which will excite great interest.

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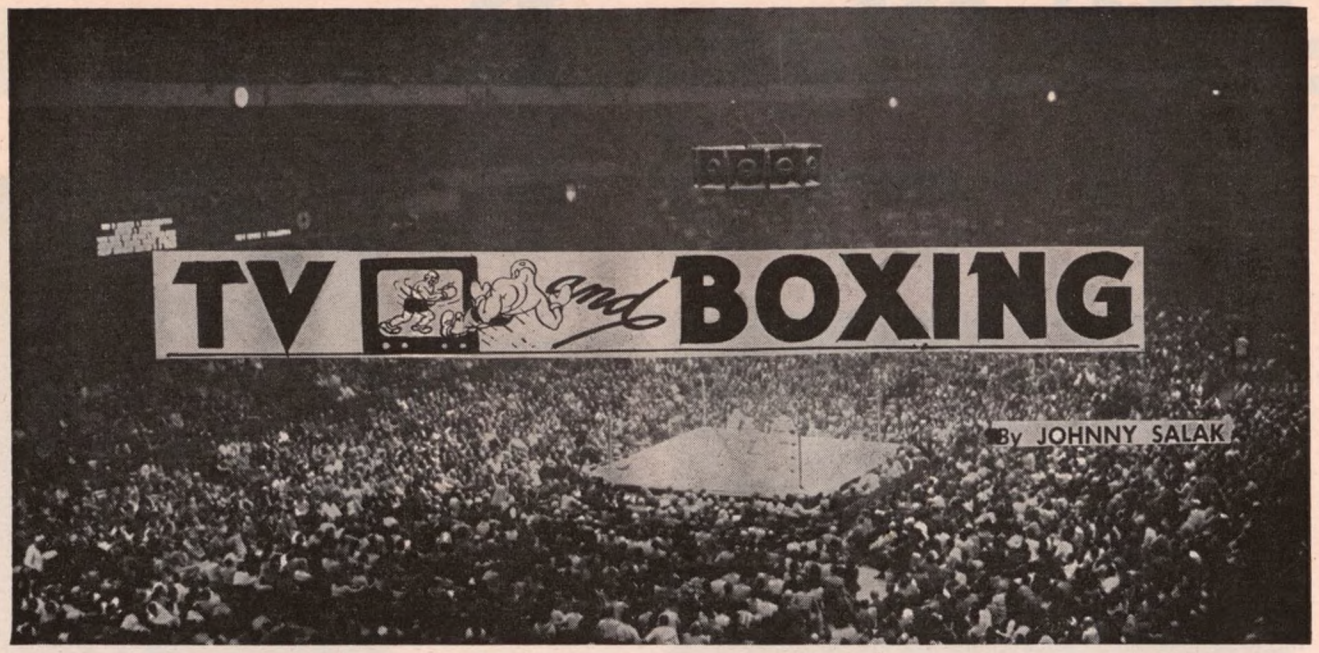


IN the strangest set of negotiations, whereby bids were put in long before a date, venue or opponents were set. TelePrompTer, which successfully put on the theatre-TV exclusive for the second Robinson-Basilio middleweight title match last September, won out and will telecast into theaters the world heavyweight championship bout involving Floyd Patterson and Roy Harris of Cut and Shoot, Texas in Los Angeles, Calif.

Irving Kahn, president of TelePrompTer, outlined the maneuvers which led to his outfit gaining the big fistic plum.

"Cus D'Amato, manager of Patterson, approached us several months ago regarding the theatre telecast of a championship match. No date, place or opponent was given but certainly we were interested.

"We placed a tentative bid, as I understand had others." Those outfits also in the running were Telemeter, Theatre Network Television, Skiatron and the NBC-TV network.

Actually it was a shot in the dark, for D'Amato at the time had no promoter lined up, but once interest from television interests was whetted, his next step was an easy one, a promoter having half the battle won when money of that kind was involved.

The alliance which threw Al Weill and D'Amato together smacks of being a completely independent effort, and yet there is an undercurrent of thought that possibly in some way the I. B. C. might be involved in the promotion.

TelePrompTer did a fantastic job with the Robinson-Basilio fight, their first full effort in sports. It is reasonable to assume that they can get maximum results from a fight which, while involving the world heavyweight title, will still need much building up.

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† **CAVALCADE OF SPORTS,** Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV).

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dunphy, Announcer.

NOT SO JOLLY ST. NICK'S

Boxing will continue Monday nights at St. Nicholas Arena in New York throughout the summer, promoter Teddy Brenner announced following conferences with DuMont officials and Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Threatened with a forced suspension of activities due to DuMont's previously announced intention of dropping its weekly telecasts, Brenner stated that the boxing club had agreed to accept a considerably smaller TV fee for the shows, which have been telecast continuously for the past six years.

Once on a rather large scale network, the show has lost quite a few stations and at present is strictly a local affair, being seen in New York, Washington and Philadelphia. Efforts are being made to interest prospective sponsors in other cities but the difficulty lies in bucking up against network shows, particularly in cities where there are but one or two television channels.

DuMont agreed to go along with the show throughout the summer, reducing the weekly television revenue from $4,000 to $3,000, which promoter Brenner is pooling with the gate receipts in paying off the fighters. No longer do the main event fighters get a separate, set TV stipend from the telecast of their St. Nick's fights. In an effort to make ends meet, Brenner has also secured a reduction in rental for the arena, which had been $1,000 per night.

There is a strong possibility that since DuMont has agreed to retain the show through the summer the telecasts of the fights will survive, at least through the fall, and possibly other sponsors and stations can be lined up to strengthen the financial position of the last bastion of boxing in New York.

Brenner has done well under difficult circumstances with these promotions and while he at times has failed to live up to the imaginative flair he earlier showed, this is due more to the almost impossible situation with which he is surrounded rather than lessening of effort or ability on his part.

Previously there had been a two weeks escape clause in the contract, whereby either DuMont or Brenner could cancel out, but it is believed that both parties have agreed to continue for a 13 week period presenting the live telecasts, in the hopes that by the end of that period the show will be strengthened, or, the alternative, a suitable sports show replacement can be found.

DuMont had been toying with the idea of filling the time with kinescopes of past St. Nick's fights but this certainly would be a poor substitute and we feel that surely a more novel, interesting and entertaining sports TV show could be arranged without an overburdening budget.

Brenner came up against other difficulties when the managers guild of New York hesitated at doing business under terms which would yield less of a pay-off to fighters.

While they said they would do everything possible to help the club remain open, the managers felt that they wanted a further look at the actual television revenue. Mixing metaphors in true managerial style, one who remained anonymous said, "They've cried wolf too many times before, this time we don't want to get burned. Things are not so jolly at St. Nick's.

A "BOX" DINNER

Joey Giardello and Franz Szuzina, two rugged middleweights, went through their paces in a ten round bout on a terrace abounding with petunias, with a fountain weaving softly lit patterns of spray in the background. A most unlikely setting for a back-alley brawl, and yet all for a worthy cause and so understandable and excusable.

The strange setting for the fight was the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, D. C., before an audience of celebrities and socialites numbering some 850, each paying $25 to dine on breast of chicken and witness the bout in virtual silence—until the decision was announced. At that point the well tailored audience—black tie, white dinner jacket and evening gown were the order of the night—forgot their drawing room manners and hooted and booed—just as you and I—disapproving of the split decision which gave Giardello his third victory over the former weight lifter from Germany.

For many of the socialites, diplomats, Congress members and government officials, the nationally televised (ABC-TV) charity match between the two 160-pounders was their first exposure to the gentlemanly art of self-defense as practiced in professional ranks. They liked the stocky German who was a decided underdog for the way he charged into Giardello with a persistent right that sometimes stopped the high ranking middleweight short.

All proceeds from the plush $25 a plate dinner and boxing match, excepting only the out-of-pocket dinner cost, went to the Washington Chapter of the Big Brothers of America, an organization which helps wayward boys get on the right track (not necessarily Monmouth Park).

The ring, pitched on the hotel's outdoor terrace, was centered among the 100 tables. Instead of sweating out the evening (dear, dear, they don't really sweat do they?) in a stuffy arena, the elite sat under the stars and enjoyed the gentle breezes on a terrace abounding with umbrella trees, petunias and geraniums. Giardello and Szuzina each received a guarantee of $6,000 for the fight, and were polite enough not to boo back at the crowd after the bout.

On television the scene was a welcome relief from the usually seen empty arena with the faithful few hundred huddled at ringside.

ARAGON TALKS GOOD FIGHT

Golden Boy Art Aragon did the unusual, as usual.

Scheduled to fight Alfonso Flores, billed as the Mexican middleweight champion, at the Hollywood Legion Stadium recently, in his pre-fight TV show from the dressing rooms, Aragon interviewed his opponent and himself—and then, predicting that he would kayo his man, proceeded to do just that.

"This will be the first time any one has ever interviewed a guy on TV and then knocked him out," said the ever-confident Aragon. That he failed to stow away Flores in the first round, as he cockily contended, was perhaps due to the light manner in which he regarded his opponent, who under the circumstances gave a good account of himself only to fail to answer the bell for the seventh round.

Aragon was seen in a televised fight for the first time since 1949 when he was the favorite of the Friday night fights at Hollywood Legion Stadium. He has been extremely careful about such appearances and because of that draws consistently good gates to his fights, some of them bordering on the fantastic—the gates, not his fights.

The gate at the Legion for this bout, though at increased prices, $5 tops, was only $6,750, with Aragon perhaps mostly to blame. He considered his opponent too much of a joke and instead of increasing interest in the bout, snuffed out fan fare. TV did the rest.

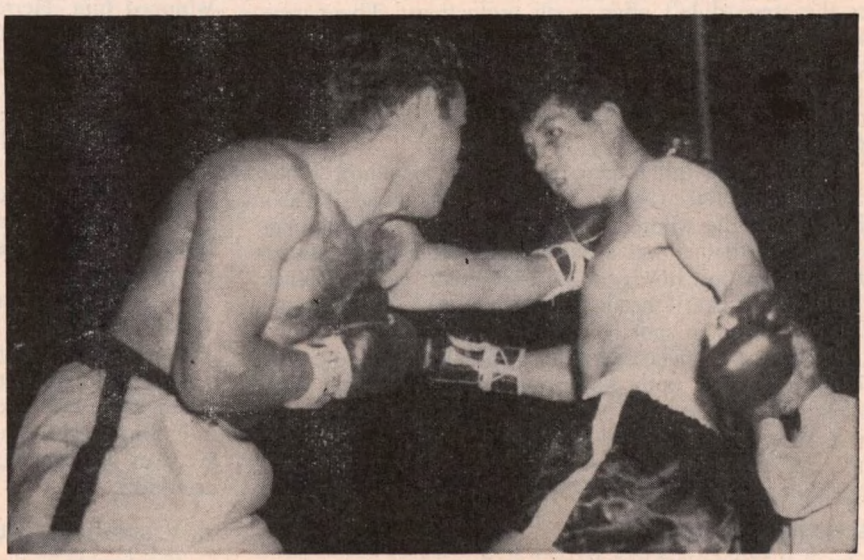
Aragon also drew rave notices for a TV appearance the month before, pinch-hitting on Tom Duggan's program. "I was such a hit," boasted the arrogant Aragon, "the station wants to talk to me about my own program."

Many people were surprised at Aragon's glibness on the Duggan show but the Golden Boy explained all. "It was nothing," he said modestly. "I've got an impediment in my speech but it isn't apparent unless I talk."

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . Virgil Akins-Vince Martinez world welterweight title bout seen on NBC-TV network was blacked out for a radius of 150 miles of St. Louis. . . . Each fighter received $15,000 from reported $60,000 TV revenue.

Joe Brown's kayo of Ralph Dupas for the lightweight title in Houston, screened over the ABC-TV network, had a TV tag of $30,000, possibly more.

CBS-TV contemplating a new weekly sports show, "Meet The Champion," which would feature Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight titleholder. . . . Patterson would box exhibitions every second week with other champions, not only in boxing, alternating. . . . All that is necessary to launch the show, it seems, is the $25,000 a week tab. . . . The line forms on the left—to "angel" the deal, not box Patterson.



A Helping Hand. Joey Giardello (right) ducks the long left of Franz Szuzina during middleweight fight at Washington, D. C., held on terrace of Hotel Shoreham to help raise funds for Washington Chapter of Big Brothers of America. Giardello won decision in nationally televised bout.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THAT eternal youth, Abe Attell, who totes around his 74 years of an active life with the spryness of a high school sophomore, was in a reminescent mood.

"Just read that article of yours, 'Swingin' In The Rain,'" he said, "and it brought back a lot of memories to me. I was in several rainy fights myself. Probably the most important was with Freddie Welsh in Los Angeles in 1908, fifty years ago.

"I was a cocky sort in those days. Not only was I the featherweight champion but dead sure I could whip any lightweight living. I'd already beaten several of them, and in the fight just before he won the lightweight title from Joe Gans, I had gone fifteen rounds to a draw with Battling Nelson in San Francisco. At least, the decision was a draw but I figured I had won.

"When Nelson won the championship I was one of the first to challenge him for a title bout. Another challenger was Welsh, who had become quite a favorite in Los Angeles. The Britisher had fought there half a dozen times, drawing with Packey McFarland and winning the rest.

"With Welsh and I both challenging Nelson, an elimination match between us became a hot attraction in Los Angeles, and Tom McCarey lost no time going after it. He had no trouble signing me. Even though it meant giving away eight or nine pounds and some inches in height and reach, I was sure I could beat Welsh.

"Well, the best of us have to live and learn. Sometimes we learn the hard way. I did.

"The weather was miserable for the fight, and the roof over the arena didn't offer much protection. There were too many leaks in it. The rain kept dripping down on us and it wasn't long before the ring was a soggy mess. It was rough going for me but just as rough for Welsh. In the twelfth round Freddie slipped on the wet canvas and fell down.

"We went the full fifteen rounds and I'll admit I had to agree with Referee Charley Eyton when he raised Welsh's right hand as the winner. Freddie gave me a real hiding. I knew the Britisher was a good boxer but I didn't realize until that fight just how good he really was. It was a shock to me, but a lesson I needed. I learned there was one guy I couldn't afford to spot height, reach and weight.

"The bout was advertised as an elimination. It sure was. Welsh and I were both eliminated, so far as a bout with Nelson was concerned. I was eliminated by losing, and Welsh was eliminated because he looked too good in winning. As long as Nelson was champion, he couldn't be dragged into the ring with Welsh."

BIG FEATHERWEIGHT PAYOFFS.

Our Bill Miller scribbles from Los Angeles:

"In the publicity on the recent Hogan Bassey-Ricardo Moreno bout at Wrigley Field, much was made of the fact that the $70,000 received by Bassey was the largest guarantee ever paid to a featherweight champion. I have a hazy (or as they would say here in L.A., 'smoggy') recollection that Johnny Kilbane was guaranteed $100,000 when he lost the title to the Frenchman, Eugene Criqui, at the Polo Grounds in New York in 1923. Was he?"

Frankly, we wouldn't know for sure. Kilbane was supposed to have been guaranteed that much, but it may have been part of Promoter Tom O'Rourke's ballyhoo on the fight. Our impression is that Kilbane actually received $75,000.

The most robust paycheck we can recall being collected by a featherweight champion was handed to Willie Pep for the third section of his four-bout series with Sandy Saddler. It wasn't a guarantee, however. Willie worked on a percentage of the gate receipts. The bout, held September 8, 1950, in the Yankee Stadium, set an all-time high for a featherweight title affair. The attendance totalled 38,751 and the gross receipts reached $262,150. Pep's percentage as defending champion netted him $92,400.

AN "INSTITUTION" PASSES

Toby Irwin, counted out recently at the age of 78, was something of a boxing institution in and around his native San Francisco. He'd been an outstanding personality in 'Frisco rings for more than six decades.

Born Frank Daley, he adopted the alias "Toby Irwin" when he began tossing gloves in the late '90s. He fought as a featherweight and a lightweight. His best known opponents were Aurelio Herrera and Jimmy Britt, both of whom whipped him, Herrera in Bakersfield in 1901 and Britt in San Francisco in 1902.

When his own fighting career ended, Toby turned to promoting and refereeing. During the lively four-round era in California, he was associated with Frank Schuler and the Lynch brothers, Ed and Chester, in staging fights at old Dreamland. Week after week, for several years, Toby refereed the entire card.

When the ten-round law was enacted, Irwin had established himself as one of the best referees in California. He not only continued to function in San Francisco but his services were constantly in demand all up and down the Pacific Coast.

One of Toby's assignments resulted in tragedy. That was the bout in which Frankie Campbell was fatally injured when Max Baer knocked him out.

Failing health prompted Irwin to quit refereeing about six years ago, but he continued to serve his beloved boxing as a judge.

N. Y.'S GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

The boxing outlook in New York City becomes steadily gloomier. As this is being written, the future status of the historic St. Nicholas Arena as a fight center is doubtful.

The only thing that has carried the St. Nick in recent

years has been the weekly revenue from its limited television deal, and that revenue has been gradually dwindling. With its heavy rental and operating expenses, the arena couldn't survive on its sparse gate receipts.

Now complications have developed with its TV contract, and during the summer months it looks as though the club either will have to suspend operations or try to continue on a special reduced-rate arrangement with the video people.

Something definite probably will have been decided by the time these lines appear in print.

It would be a stunning jolt to local fans if the St. Nick went out of business. It's our last "stronghold" of regular weekly boxing. Spring, summer, fall and winter, it has gone every Monday night for the last six or seven years.

It's to be fervently hoped that Teddy Brenner and his associates will be able to work out some satisfactory arrangement to keep the arena in action.

Meanwhile, it looks as though Madison Square Garden is promising a fairly busy summer. As and when the dates are available, the International Boxing Club will continue with its Friday night offerings, and there also is a strong possibility that a few of its Wednesday night shows also will be moved into the Garden.

With Sunnyside Garden closed down for the summer, the only other local action during the warmer months will be at the Eastern Parkway Arena with its modest non-TV "young talent" cards. With hustling Moe Fleischer doing a capable matchmaking job, the Parkway plans to keep going with shows every two weeks.

IN THE MAIL BAG.

From Dan (Doc) Avery of Sharon, Mass., veteran promoter, manager, publicist and one-time New England correspondent for The Ring: "Am back in action after two years recovering from a heart attack. Have associated myself with Philippine Boxing Association of Manila as American representative. Also have arranged to handle several fighters, among them two heavyweights, Oliver Wilson of Hartford and Arthur Wright of Detroit, as well as Mexican featherweight Paul Pacheco of Pueblo, Colo."

From Martin (Kid) Henry of Philadelphia, an ex-fighter himself: "Am surprised The Ring didn't use a feature story and photograph of Herman (Kid) Stein when he died recently. Stein, who was 75, was popular in and around Philadelphia during the early years of the century. He fought many of the top lightweights, among them Young Corbett and Willie Lewis."

From Jack Fiske of the San Francisco Chronicle: "Solly Schuman, who I believe was originally from Chicago and boxed as a featherweight, died here recently. He was 46. Schuman came to San Francisco nearly twenty years ago and was a great booster for boxing. He was a successful operator of a chain of refreshment stands around town, and a ringsider at all important fights here. The night before Marciano's bout with Don Cockell, he moved his own family out and turned his home over to Rocky and his retinue."

From Carmen Cook of Bridgeport, an active lightweight during the '20s: "After twenty-three years away from the trade, I am returning as a manager. Am on the lookout for a few good fighters."

AROUND THE RING.

Dennis McCabe, Bronx welterweight who fought during the mid-'40s and ended with a record of 20 wins (13 by kayo), one draw and two defeats in 23 starts, and at present is a guard at Riker's Island, expects to be appointed shortly to the New York Police Department.

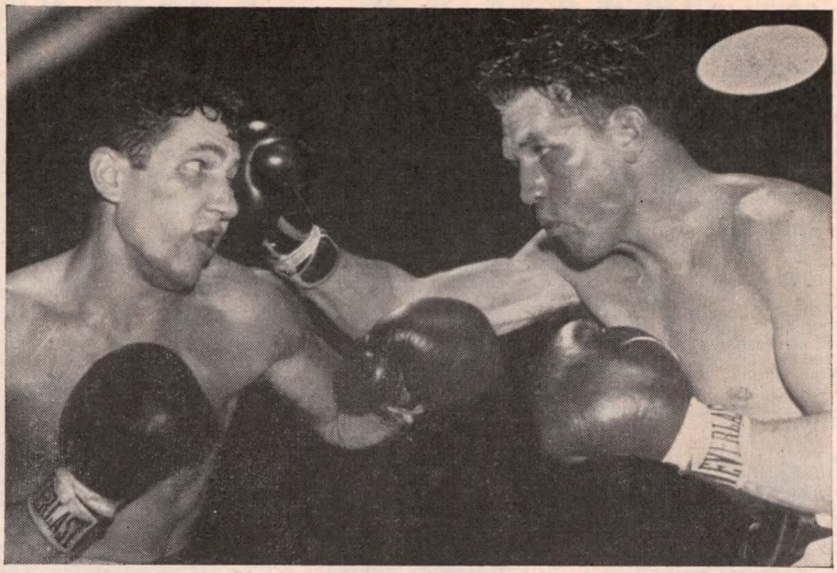
From England we hear that George (Hi-Diddle) Biddles, manager of world featherweight champion Hogan Bassey, is quite excited about a couple of ex-amateur members of his growing British stable. The two are welterweight Wally Swift and lightweight Brian Jones, both unbeaten in their freshman semesters as professionals. Biddles may bring both boys along with him when he comes over shortly for an American campaign being lined up for Bassey.

Pete Rademacher emphatically denies he was knocked out in a service bout by Louis Jones, as noted in these columns recently. Jones just as emphatically insists he did—only four months before Pete went to Australia to grab the Olympic heavyweight title. We're doing a bit of checking now, and hope to find the right answer by the next issue of The Ring.

THE month's results:

Although he won handily enough, Mickey Crawford, 151, Saginaw, Mich., needed all his agile footwork and speedy hands to stay in front of durable, aggressive Andy Figueroa, 153¼, West Side, in a busy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Figueroa's showing was a distinct surprise. The West Side Puerto Rican, fighting his first main event, had never before gone beyond six rounds, but he travelled the ten-round route like a veteran. He set a rugged pace from the start, crowded Crawford all the way and frequently forced the stylish Michigander to hold. Figueroa was particularly effective with left hooks in the fourth and seventh rounds. For the most part, however, Crawford had too much "class" for him. Mickey boxed well on the defensive and scored effectively with rapid-fire combinations. His punching, however, was mainly in flurries. As in previous New York appearances, Crawford didn't seem to have the durability for sustained action. He fought in sudden, brief outbursts. The semi-final six was a one-sided affair, George Quinones, 129¾, Puerto Rico, battering his way to a knockout over Mike Perez, 130¼, Brooklyn, at 2:16 of the fourth. Another six was a slugfest with Bernard Paret, 148, Cuba, battling to a draw with Bobby Shell, 146½, Washington, D. C. In fours, Tony Santana, 132, Brooklyn, outpointed Marty Rivera, 136, Puerto Rico, and George Warren, 172, West Side, stopped Charley Poole, 173, West Side, when Poole, down twice in the second, was not allowed to go out for the third.

▶ The most encouraging progress reported by Sunnyside Garden in its current non-TV "young talent" schedule was a turnout of nearly 900 customers and a gross gate of $2,100 for a lively card topped by a pair of Brooklyn lightweights, Sid Lugo, 134½, and Harvey Charles, 131½. It was a hard-fought affair with Lugo winning by a clear margin in six. In a co-featured six, Leroy Oliphant, 160½, Bronx, carried too many guns for Walter Irby, 158½, a newcomer from Columbia, S. C. In a batch of fours, Ralph Harris, 153, Brooklyn, grabbed the decision from John R. Martin, 154, Long Island City; Henry Wallitisch, 184, Brooklyn, was a winner over Jerry Holman, 175, Brooklyn; Jackie Kelly, 130, West Side, hustled his way to a verdict over Jerry Terry, 129, East Side; Ray Sanna, 134, Brooklyn, divided the laurels with Lou Caravella, 130, Harlem, and Artie Cunningham, 147, Bronx, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping Tommy Leaks, 147, Harlem, at 1:37 of the fourth.



That the Irish are not altogether extinct in New York boxing, a couple of them, welterweights Eddie Lynch (left) of the West Side and Jimmy Archer of the Bronx, battled it out at the St. Nicholas Arena, with Lynch outboxing his aggressive rival.

▶ Keeping pace with Sunnyside Garden in the campaign to revive "small-club" boxing and develop young talent, the Eastern Parkway Arena also reported its best figures to date with a card featuring the professional debut of ex-Olympian Jose Torres, 163½, Puerto Rico. The exact statistics were not announced, but attendance was estimated at 800 and the receipts at $1,500. For his bow in money competition, Torres didn't have much to beat. Swarming all over his hapless opponent, the hard-hitting Puerto Rican needed only 1:09 of one round to demolish Gene Hamilton, 162, Gastonia, N. C. The windup was in keeping with the rest of the card, which produced knockouts in wholesale lots. Only two bouts, both fours, went their full routes, Greatest Crawford, 160, Brooklyn, winning from Tony Santiago, 156, Bronx, and Clay Thomas, 173, West Side, taking the decision from Joe Salvatto, 168, Yonkers. In the other numbers, also scheduled fours, Clyde Washington, 160, Harlem, disposed of Bobby Gibson, 159, Brooklyn, at 0:41 of the first; Grey Gavin, 155, Brooklyn, stopped William Hartley, 155, Bronx, at 1:38 of the second; Tony Santana, 133, Brooklyn, finished a borough rival, Herbie Cornitscher, 137, at 0:48 of the fourth, and Gene Hanna, 187, Bronx, was only one second longer in halting Tommy Black, 185, Bridgeport, Conn.

▶ Topping the first fight card in Madison Square Garden in two and a half months, Johnny Busso, 140½, East Side, was a bit too aggressive for the French lightweight champion Lahouari Godih, 140, in a fast but unspectacular ten. The shiftier boxer of the two, Godih displayed a neat left jab and clever defensive tactics, but he didn't throw enough punches and permitted Busso to bull his way through with spasmodic outbursts of free-swinging aggressiveness. The bout started slowly but picked up speed as it progressed. The best action was in the last two rounds. Busso jolted Godih with a series of rights in the ninth and the French-Algerian came back in the tenth to rip a gash over Busso's left eye. A heavyweight six ended at 1:49 of the final round when Bob Biehler, 186, Rochester, N. Y., flattened Tony Gagliardo, 194, Brooklyn. In two other sixes, Candy McFarland, 136½, Philadelphia, showed good form in beating Leroy Tucker, 140½, Harlem, and Bill Flamio, 144½, Bronx was held to a draw by Eddie Jordan, 14[illegible], Brooklyn. In the opening four, Leroy Greea, 167½, Kansas City, won on a split decision from Clarence Floyd, 174½, Bronx.

▶ With Ray Robinson and Rocky Graziano again functioning in opposite corners, Otis Woodard, 160½, Memphis, Tenn., made it two straight over Eddie Andrews, 159½,

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SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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Lowell, Mass., at the St. Nicholas Arena, but this time it was by a technical knockout. Nasty gashes over both of Andrews' eyes prompted Referee Arthur Mercente to halt the affair at 2:41 of the fifth. Woodard also suffered a ripped eyebrow, but the damage was not as serious as Andrews'. The fight, a scrambling affair, was fairly even as far as it went. As in the first meeting of the rivals, Robinson seconded Woodard and Graziano was behind Andrews. The bout topped another card of three tens. In the others, Chico Velez, 134, East Side, outfought Harold Smith, 135¼, Washington, D. C., and Eddie Armstrong, 145, Elizabeth, N. J., polished off Ray Greco, 146½, Los Angeles, at 0:26 of the third. Because two of the tens were abbreviated, a pair of "emergency" fours were added to the card. Nino Malave, 138, Bronx, decisioned William Viera, 135½, Puerto Rico, and Bert Reyes, 127½, Brooklyn, whipped Joey Calder, 131½, Bronx.

▶ Up-and-coming Eddie Lynch, 148½, West Side, tossed something of a jolt into the price-makers by winning easily from 3-to-1 favorite Jimmy Archer, 150, Bronx, in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. By keeping the action at long range and using nimble footwork, a snappy left jab and an occasional right cross, Lynch outclassed the aggressive Archer. The Bronxite forced the action most of the way but was too slow for his shifty rival. Lynch's best round was the fifth when a series of lefts and rights had Archer reeling against the ropes. It was Lynch's fifteenth win in seventeen starts and Archer's fourth defeat in twenty-one. Joey Archer, 156, Jimmy's younger and unbeaten brother, made it fifteen straight wins by trouncing Julie Jamison, 151¾, Wappinger Falls, N. Y., in the semi-final six. Solomon McTier, 199, Birmingham, Ala., now domiciled on the West Side, whipped John Henry, 192, Harlem, in another six. The 1958 national Golden Gloves welterweight champion, Emile Griffith, 157, West Side, celebrated his professional debut by outpointing Joe Parham, 162, Paterson, N. J., in the opening four.

▶ With Sunnyside Garden deciding to close for the summer, Eastern Parkway Arena elected to continue with its "young talent" operations. Jose Torres, 162, Puerto Rico, again topped the card. Promoter Emil Lence and Matchmaker Moe Fleischer were encouraged by the best "house" they had drawn since beginning current operations. The crowd numbered more than 1,000 and the receipts grossed $1,900. In the windup six, Torres ran into tougher opposition than he faced in his pro debut two weeks before. For two rounds his opponent, Walter Irby, 159, Columbia, S. C., seemed awed by the ex-Olympian's impressive amateur record, but he gained confidence as the bout progressed and gave the Puerto Rican a rugged argument for the remaining four stanzas. A Torres stablemate, Harry Floyd Smith, 132, Brooklyn, won from Jesse Watson, 134, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In fours, Jerry Terry, 129, West Side, decisioned Jack Smith, 130, Brooklyn; Walter Taylor, 132, outfought a fellow-Brooklynite, McCoy Wiggins, 134; Clyde Washington, 147, Brooklyn, had the better of Jimmy Johnson, 145, Harlem, and Joe Rubino, 165, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping Cap Marelli, 162, West Side, at 0:32 of the second.

▶ With only one round to go, and the fight an even-up affair until then, Peter Schmidt, 145½, Yorkville, was an unfortunate loser at St. Nicholas Arena when he was not permitted to go out for the tenth stanza against Tony DeCola, 148, Brooklyn. A badly ripped left eyebrow, suffered in the ninth, prompted Dr. Alex Schiff, club physician, to order the bout halted. It was a free-punching brawl while it lasted, and both boys were bleeding early in the bout, DeCola from a slight cut over his left eye in the second and Schmidt from his nose in the third. The damage wasn't serious, however, until an ugly gash over Schmidt's left optic began to gush claret in the ninth. Four stitches were needed after the bout to patch the injury. The bout topped another card of three tens. A newcomer from Cuba, Benny Paret, 150, was too big for Eddie Armstrong, 142½, Elizabeth, N. J., in the opening number. Handicapped not only in weight but in height and reach, Armstrong gave a good account of himself for five rounds but gradually tired. A couple of local veterans, Joe Lissy, 154½, Yorkville, and Ike Jenkins, 153½, Harlem, tangled in the second ten, Lissy taking the decision.

▶ It is seldom that a decision produces such complete disagreement between officials and press as the one awarded Frankie Ryff, 135½, Bronx, over Tommy Tibbs, 134½, Boston, at the end of a not-too-exciting ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Referee Ray Miller and Judges Tony Castellano and Mike Davidowitch made the verdict close but unanimous for Ryff, but all ten newspapermen felt Tibbs had won. With two widely contrasting styles in action, it was a difficult bout to judge. Free-swinging Tibbs forced the action all the way, and did his best scoring with lusty slams to Ryff's body. Frankie, however, cleverly avoided many of Tibbs' swings, countered often with left jabs and hooks, and tied Tommy up effectively in the clinches. Because of the closeness of the fight, Tibbs may have lost the decision when he was penalized one of his best rounds, the eighth, for a low punch. The semi-final six ended at 1:14 of the fourth, Wally Levingston, 123¾, Trenton, N. J., stopping Walter Taylor, 130½, East Side. In fours, Eddie Scurlock, 154, Bronx, decisioned Bobby Angelo, 149, Brooklyn; Manuel Rodrigues, 123, Puerto Rico, whipped Jack Kelly, 123, West Side; Chico Rollins, 134¼, West Side, beat Earl Mathews, 139, Boston, and Henry Wallitsch, 186, Long Island City, won from Attilo Tondo, 181¾, Paterson, N. J.

▶ Displaying few signs of ring-rustiness gathered during his hitch in the Army, Harold Carter, 191¾, Linden, N. J., served convincing notice that he was back as a ranking heavyweight by hustling and bustling his way to an impressive triumph over the durable German visitor, Billy Besmanoff, 193, in a gruelling ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Carter's first fight in 17 months but he didn't seem affected by his long absence from competition. He did tire somewhat in the closing rounds but the rugged pace he had maintained, not the layoff, was responsible. Carter was aggressor all the way, constantly crowding Besmanoff and belting away with both hands to the head and body. The German was so busy defending himself from Carter's busy onslaught he had few opportunities to fight back, but when he did open up in desperate flurries he hurt Carter. He staggered Harold in the third and ninth rounds but failed to follow up his momentary advantages. Chico Velez, 132½, Brooklyn, outfought Johnny Palmer, 135¾, Columbus, O., in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Otto Smith, 153, Elizabeth, N. J., whipped Joe Fusco, 153½, Waterbury, Conn., and Eddie Thompson, 161, Brooklyn, stopped Bobby Lee, 165½, Murfreesboro, Tenn., at 2:46 of the third. In fours, Johnny Shields, 202½, Washington, D. C., outpointed Al Anderson, 182½, Long Island City; Tommy Smith, 121½, Harlem, won from Jimmy Gorman, 120½, Paterson, N. J., and Julio Romero, 145¾, Puerto Rico, stopped Frankie Grimes, 150, Brooklyn, at 2:58 of the first.

FLASH! . . . Just as we were going to press, Teddy Brenner of the St. Nicholas Arena announced he had completed a special TV deal for the summer, and the historic old building in West 66th Street would continue its Monday night shows. Rather than close down entirely, the club agreed to accept a considerably smaller TV fee until a new contract could be negotiated in September. During the ten weeks of the present "cut-rate" arrangement, general operating expenses at the St. Nick will have to be reduced, as will the purses paid the fighters.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

ELSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB, 160, ONE OF THE TOP MIDDLEWEIGHTS ranked in THE RING MAGAZINE, was given quite a rough time and a scare by Jimmy Beecham, 161, when the pair collided at Miami Beach on May 30th. A 3-1 favorite, Webb, of Chicago, went for a knockout, disregarding his boxing ability and when 10 rounds were completed, many felt he was lucky to get the split decision. Twice, Jimmy, of Miami, rattled the name fighter with right hand bombs in the sixth and eighth rounds. Carrying the most power, Beecham was second best when it came to defense, yet a draw would have been a good verdict. The fight drew 2,311 fans, good for $5,816. Chris Dundee, who co-promoted with the IBC on a TV set-up, could do Miamians a favor by rematching Spider and Jimmy. Referee Cy Gottfried had it for Beecham, 98-95; Judge Gus Jacobson, for Webb, 98-94, and Judge Carl Gardner breaking the ice for Webb, 97-95.

Sylvester Garrison, 185¾, Mount Vernon, N. Y., TKOed Johnny Pew, 179½, of Miami, in four; Jo Jo Jordan, 159 Miami, beat 164 pound George Moss in a four; Billy Orais, 138½, Homestead, AFB, TKOed Kenny Sulzman, 142½, Miami, in three; Mario Franko, 159¾, Miami, beat Joe Mitchell, 163½, Miami, in four rounds, and Marshall Harrison, 173½, Miami, bested Gene Mann, 177, Miami, in four heats.

▶ Chris Dundee, who covers Dixie as a boxing promoter for special shows as well as his own Miami Beach, may wind up dittoing in Jacksonville when my city's new sports arena is completed. Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., of Miami, is also interested in Jax but to date we haven't heard more of his intentions. If Dundee gets the call, he will co-promote with Jimmy Murdock, former local boxing promoter who runs the wrestling shows now.

▶ There's a new boxing fad in Jacksonville. Where-as TV boxers are openly mentioned favorites or under-dogs, the latest finds the fans trying to dope out their nationalities. Nat Fleischer's RING RECORD BOOK for 1958, is where the fans can get their answers.

▶ Please send in all boxing notes to: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Boxers not under management can drop us word and please enclose your history and a photo.

JAMAICA, B.W.I., NEWS

By Ken Jones

AT SABINA PARK, ALLAN HARMON, up-and-coming middleweight, banged a stiff right to Rudolph Bent's jaw early in their bout and thereafter had the British Honduran welter champ on the run. Harmon was declared the winner by a split decision.

▶ At the same park, Jamaica's champion welter, Gerald Gray, (149½) earned a unanimous decision over Duke Harris (148½) of Michigan. The fast clever bout lasted ten rounds.

In other bouts Basil Campbell tko'ed Gil McKenzie in 3 heats of a welterweight scrap, former welter king Neville Powell took the honors from Sugar Solomon in an 8-rounder and heavyweight Eric Fearon iced Ralph Brown in the second round.

▶ West Indian boxing fans mourn the passing of the dean of boxing writers in these parts—Martin A. G. Smith. Martin was associated with the game for more than 30 years and was Secretary of the Boxing Board.

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OLD TIMERS ALBUM

(Above) Henry Armstrong demonstrates his strength as old champions get together in Los Angeles gymnasium in 1946. Looking on are Baby Arizmendi, Barney Ross, Fidel LaBarba and Jimmy McLarnin.
(Left) Benny Leonard had no need for "divers" in the ring but he didn't mind posing with great aquatic star Annette Kellerman in Hollywood in 1920. At left is Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager.

Packey O'Gatty (left), colorful New Yorker, squares off with British bantamweight champion Teddy Baldock for exhibition bout aboard the S.S. Leviathan in 1929.

RATINGS

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WELTERWEIGHTS

Kid Gavilan lost to middleweight Yama Bahama, 10.

Virgil Akins won vacant world welterweight championship by halting Vince Martinez, 4. Garnett (Sugar) Hart and Gil Turner fought to a draw, 10.

Mickey Crawford outscored Andy Figaro, 10.

South American champion Martiniano Pereyra retained title by stopping Adalberto Ochoa, 12.

Jorge Fernandez whipped Francisco Ciucoi, 10, and stopped Enrique Mansilla, 5. Joe Miceli halted Jay Fullmer, 3. Tony DeCola halted Peter Schmidt, 9.

Gerald Grey outscored Duke Harris, 10. Stefan Redl won from Gerd Mueller, 10. Alvardo Gutierrez stopped Karl-Heinz Guder, 4. Ted Wright outscored Bruno Visintin, 10, and stopped middle Jean Ruellet, 8.

Fredrick Thompson kayoed Enrique Mansilla, 8, and Miguel Salteno, 6. Jess Bogart outscored Agustin Rosales, 10. Rosales kayoed Marcelo Vargas, 3, while Bogart beat Chalio Duran, 10, but was kayoed by Arnoldo Gil, 2. Gil also kayoed Tobe Penaloza, 8, while Tobe bested Chalio Duran, 10.

Tommy Baars stopped Leif Hansen, 7. Gaston Mathieu scored sensational upset by stopping Seraphin Ferrer, 9. Rudell Stitch halted Elmer Shippe, 3, and Charlie Cotton, 10. Eddie Lynch upset Jimmy Archer, 10. Eddie Armstrong kayoed Ray Greco, 3, but lost to Benny Paret, 10. Kid Fenton kayoed Young Joe, 3.

Eddie Connors kayoed Charlie Washington, 5. Miguel Coronado kayoed Leo Roberson, 4. Andy Maes whipped Candy Lee, 8.

Cal Hubbard kayoed Dudley Chavis, 2. Joe Lissy defeated Ike Jenkins, 10. Cecil Courtney and Henry Brown drew, 6. Cecil than lost to Curtis Cokes, 6, Cokes also beat Babe Vance, 6.

Tomas Gutierrex beat Joe Barcenas, 8. Ted Wright scored his sixth straight victory in European rings by outpointing Bruno Visintin, 10. Hestal Franks kayoed Clarence Lane, 1.

Darby Brown won and lost in two bouts with Joe N'Gidi, both 12. Lloyd Nelson halted Curtis Woolwine, 2.

Jack Frost won from Don Kennington, 6. Guy Sumlin beat Jimmy Leach, 10. Bill Flamio and Eddie Jordan drew, 6, Bill also beat Roger Harvey, 10.

Glen Burgess whipped Kenny Willis, 6. Lazaro Labastida kayoed Octavio Salas, 5. Rocky Drouin bested Maurice Houde, 6.

Roy Sparks stopped Dale Davis, 1, Dale had stopped Johnny Guberra, 3. Pichon Reyes kayoed Memo Napoles, 2, Memo beat Jose Hernandez, 8. Al Duarte beat Bobbie Barrett, 6. Vince Davi won from Larry Mercer, 6.

Jack Flores kayoed Joe Alfero, 2. Nardo Parets and Bobby Shell drew, 6. Jimmy Collins stopped Jimmy Miller, 4. Al Jones and Ernie Roberts drew, 6.

Sal Hernandez defeated Julian Yanes, 6. Frankie Brown and Kid Rayo drew, 6. Yvon Cote stopped Rocky Ford, 4. Charlie Cummings bested Pat O'Brien, 8. Yucatan Rivera decisioned Clement Sarrazin, 6. Emilio Marconi decisioned Gerd Muller, 10.

Michel Francois outpointed Jean Debondant, 10. Maurice Auzel disposed of Albert Muller, 4, but was stopped by Italian Champion Giancarlo Garbelli, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Charlie Douglas outscored Felix Chiocca, 10. Frankie Ryff won from Tommy Tibbs, 10.

Kenny Lane halted Dave Dupas, 6, after Dave stopped Al Barraza, 2.

British champion Dave Charnley outscored Joe Lopes, 10. Len Mathews kayoed Henry Brown, 4.

Willie Morton upset Mexican champion Baby Vasquez, 10, and beat Julian Valdez, 10. Johnny Busso bested Lahouari Godih, 10.

Bobby Scanlon outboxed Bobby Rogers, 10. Richie Howard stopped Johnny Juliano, 7. Johnny Gonsalves defeated Vic Cardot, 10.

Don Jordan outboxed Alfredo Cota, 10. Jamie Gine kayoed Rafael Azuaga, 1. Vicente Rivas decisioned Orlando Zulueta, 10. Angel Garcia stopped Julio Escobedo, 3.

George Bracken outpointed Tommy Romulo, 12.

Carlos Ortiz kayoed Jamie Toscano, 7, and Pantera de Champoton, 7. Toscano lost to Negrito Medina, 10. Alberto Bisbe stopped Al Robinson, 7. Al Urbina whipped Juanito Martinez, 10. Cesar Saavedera kayoed Felipe Sosa, 6, but was stopped by Angel Guerrero, 7.

Danny Davis stopped Joey Parks, 6. Chico Velez decisioned Johnny Palmer, 6. Ramon Gomez whipped Efi Cross, 8.

Pat Alburo defeated Benny Salem, 6. Enrique Mitchell defeated Johnny Gumbs, 6. Jimmy Zale stopped Harold Nelson, 4.

Sergio Gomez bested Hector Garcia, 10, and kayoed Gil Nolasco, 10. Rocky Randell kayoed Ray Riojas, 8. Carlos Arregui beat Valentin Rangel, 10. Baby Cohet drew with Wilfredo Hurst, 10. Antonio Ramirez defeated Raul Anchondo, 10.

Cesar Orta decisioned Chico Medina, 10, and Gumersindo Rasgoy, 10. Elroy Sparks kayoed Billy Nickerson, 1.

Jimmy Connors outscored Lou Carmona, 8. Floremtino Fernandez stopped Ray Estepa, 2. Chico Velez outscored Harold Smith, 10.

Terry Robolado kayoed Lucky Marcelo, 6. Ike Vaughn defeated Sugar Boy Ludlow, 8. Benny Rodriguez stopped Humberto Vilchis, 1, and Babe Zaragoza, 2.

Gordon Parker won from Merrell Olmstead, 8. Negrito Alcala halted Luis Trujeque, 3, and drew with Agustin Argaez, 10. Candy McFarland outscored Leroy Tucker, 6, and Al Marotti, 8.

Hector Esqueda kayoed Ubaldo Lopez, 3, and beat Kid Aztequita, 10. Indo Conde whipped David Camacho, 10, but was stopped by Enrique Castillo, 5.

Jackie Hayden defeated Efrian Santiago, 8. Sonny Chia outscored Emil Bill Tinde, 10. Sid Lugo won from Harvey Charles, 6.

Aldo Mente defeated Charley Patterson, 8. Roland Kellem whipped Jimmy Ellis, 6. Vicente Matute halted Luis Castaneda, 8, Luis also drew with Armando Torres, 6.

Ralph Bunch won from Abe Haynes, 6, Abe also drew with Raul Fueantes, 10. Ernie Krenezk defeated Aaron Junior, 6, but was stopped by Nat Simon, 5. Ray Lancaster kayoed Willie Cooper, 5.

Bobby Hicks stopped Roy Gonzales, 5. Felix Chiocca outpointed Ray Paini, 10. Marcelino Vargas won from Jimmy Reece, 6. Victor Pepeder outscored Charley Douglas, 10.

Billy Walker beat Bobby Gray, 6. Manuel Gonzales bested Pat Brown, 8. Billy Williams stopped Bobby Blue, 5. Angel Olivieri defeated Victorio Cejas, 10. Vic Diamond and Frankie DelPiano drew, 6. Lem Miller and Dan Santioga drew, 6.

Bobby Garza bested Howard Millsap, 6. Carlos Loyola stopped Chuy Waldo, 6, and Sergio Contreras, 6. Jesse Gutierrez won over Benny Montoya, 6. Silvestre Villarreal kayoed Julio Gallegos, 2.

Ramon Delgado defeated Roberto Gonzalez, 6. Rafael Camacho kayoed Sam Coronel, 3. Kenny Decereaux won from Bobby Garza, 6. Johnny Gumbs kayoed Easy Boy Sonny, 1.

Joey Reynolds and Solomon Boysaw drew, 6. Young Walcott whipped Kid Curacao, 6. Joey Padilla defeated Johnny Guerero, 6. Francisco Merlo defeated Rafael Padrino, 6. Jethro Cason whipped Boland Abrams, 8. Vernon Lynch defeated Leroy Jones, 6. Gene Gresham defeated Eli Leggett, 6. Harry Floyd Smith won from Jesse Watson, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Davey Moore outscored Roberto Garcia, 10.

Paul Jorgensen handed Junior Flores his first loss, kayoing him, 3.

Ike Chestnut outscored Ernesto Parra, 10, but lost to Flash Elorde, 10.

Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Anibal Servin, 2, and beat Alfredo Bunetta, 10. Alfredo also lost to Aldo Gamboa, 10. Willie Pep defeated Bobby Singleton, 10. Gracieux Lamperti whipped Bobby Bell, 10.

Kid Anahuac halted Jimmy Moser, 6. Angel Guerrero kayoed lightweight Cesar Saavedra, 7. Willi Quattuor retained German title by winning from Joe Buck on disqualification, 11.

Mauro Vasquez kayoed Vince Delgado, 3, and beat Pete Kawala, 10. Battling Torres kayoed Chuhco Mejia, 6. Victor Manuel Quijano defeated Juanene Garcia, 10. Garcia also lost to Hector Garcia, 10.

Victor (Sonny) Leon outpointed Orlando Castillo, 10. Pedro Mirande kayoed Osvaldo Vargas, 2, and beat Amorindo Amiouzzi, 10, Amiouzzi drew with Vicente Vezzoni, 10.

Enrique Castillo defeated Cocoliso Estrada, 10, stopped Indio Conde, 5, and Luis Espinosa, 2. Ray Ming Chan whipped Nai Rojoros, 10. Luis Sanchez beat Babe Navarro, 10. Ricardo Manzanillo halted Vidal Gomez, 3.

Manuel Alvarez kayoed Jose Minon, 8.

Luis Trejo stopped Tony Alamillo, 2, but lost to Gabriel Navarro, 10. David Rodriguez defeated Oscar Torres, 10. Negrito Medina whipped Jamie Toscano, 10 and stopped Ray Mancilla, 5. Rufino Ridella kayoed Nate Brooks, 2.

Roberto Hernandez defeated Eddie Saint, 10. and Nacho Pardes, 10. Jorge Ortiz halted Zurdo Mexicaltzingo, 4. Tony Pardon whipped Angel Amaya, 8, and Gonsalo Andueza, 8. Rene Barriere stopped Andre Vairolatto, 9. Juan Ramirez stopped Isidro Barranco, 7.

Davey Moore outscored Lauro Salas, 10. Victor (Sonny) Leon outscored Carmelo Costa, 10. Jesus Santamaria won Panama title by stopping Isidro Martinez, 10. Tommy Bain outscored Eddie Gaspora, 10. Jose Cotero decisioned Victor Manuel Quijano, 10. Kazuo Takayama won the Japanese title Hiroshi Okawa, 10.

Cain Rogero won from David Becerril, 10. Bobby Cervantes kayoed Lalo Camarena, 6. Emilio Olivares halted Chato Ramirez, 5. Baby Alonzo stopped Otilio Galvan, 2. Nacho Dominguez defeated Nacho Rosales, 8.

Cecil Schoonmaker outboxed Frankie Salas, 6. Leo Herandez kayoed Gabriel Herrera, 7. Louis Poncy retained French title by stopping Jo Ventaja, 11. Vicente Espinosa won from Armando Torres, 8.

Jose Gonzalez decisioned Roberto Pinon, 10. John P. Britt halted Jose Santos, 3. George Quinones stopped Mike Perez, 4.

Robby Robinson whipped Johnny Shaw, 6. Gil Flores halted Masakasu Otsuka, 8. Doug Vaillant stopped Orlando Oms, 1.

Pedro Rocha kayoed Efrain Quintana, 1. Collier Cox whipped Tony Cadena, 6, but lost to Danny Valdez, 6. Bobby Neill celebrated return to action with quick kayo of Arthur Devlin, 1. Luis Quijano won from Kiko Santana, 6.

Chico Reyes stopped Miguel Juarez, 8, but lost to Panchito Villa, 10. Monico Garza kayoed Vicente Lopez, 3, and Antonio Rodriguez, 3.

Jorge Gonzalez won over Panchito Espinosa, 10. Jules Touan wrecked Ofei Dodoo, 1. Paolino Nunes whipped Manny Linson, 10. Henry Luera kayoed Rolando Douglas, 2.

Victor Adame stopped Tony Arizmendi, 2. Letterio Petilli outpointed Australian Champion Max Murphy, 12. Raton Vargas kayoed Memo Santillan, 1. Steve Nitties drew with Ray Wller, 10.

Modesto Maduro whipped Enrique Mitchel, 6. Dave Hilton upset Marcel Gendron, 6. Franco Rosini decisioned Alf O'Sullivan, 13. Johnny Bean decisioned Al Pell, 8. Italian Champion Sergio Caprari retained title by outpointing Aldo Pravisani, 12.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Leo Espinosa kayoed Rocky Moises, 5, and retained his Orient title by outpointing Dommy Ursua, 12.

Joe Beccera kayoed Charlie DeBow, 2.

Manuel Armenteros kayoed Kenji Inagaki, 1.

Jose Lopez halted Jimmy Cooper, 7.

Boots Monroe decisioned Billy Peacock, 12. Chiquis Rosales stopped Manuel Rodriguez, 6, and beat Tuntun Torres, 10. Ernesto Mirando won Argentina title by defeating Roberto Castro, 12.

Kid Irapuato stopped Memo Diez, 6. Ross Padilla whipped Joey Augustin, 10.

Walt Ingram outscored Henry (Pappy) Gault, 12. Chuy Rodriguez whipped Miguel Lazus, 10. Rudy Corona stopped Chamaco Guzman, 8, lost to Jorge Herrera, 10, reversed it against Jorge in 10, while Herrera was stopped by Ignacio Pina, 5. Sugar Ray whipped Edgar Basel, 8. Basel came back to win vacant title by beating Alfred Schweer, 12. Pedro Gonzales and Gino Tovar drew, 10.

Oscar Reyes defeated Ernie Masangkay, 10. Gustavo Carrera defeated Gerardo Isoba, 10. Jose Galvin stopped Rafael Sotelo, 9, but lost to Antonio Martinez, 10, while Sotelo was also stopped by Raul Leanos, 5.

Johnny Sarduy whipped Eloy Sanchez, 8. Piero Rollo edged out Jose Luis Martinez, 10. Felix Gutierrez drew with Victor Reico, 8, Victor then lost to Kiki Casanovas, 8. Pat Supple halted Ramon Soto, 3, and decisioned Gerry Simpson, 10. Alejo Mejia outscored Goyo Flores, 10.

Gildo Vargas stopped Aurelio Reyna, 2. Angel Coronado and Bernando de la Cruz, drew, 10. Roman Rodriguez whipped Juan Figueroa, 8. Miguel Ulloa whipped Arturo Vazquez, 10. Nacho Pardes won over Tono Ortiz, 10. Frances Militante outscored Lionel Rivera, 6.

Cubanito Torres won on a disqualification over Delfino Martinez, 8. Rocky Fontnette Sifuentes, drew, 6, Rocky lost to Baby Rios, 6 (twice). Memo Vega kayoed Heriberto Saucedo, 6. Benjamin Rodriguez whipped Jose Oliva, 6.

Abel Pena halted Vicente Chapa, 5. Pitoloco Flores bested Carlos Romero, 8.

Terry Spinks retained unbeaten record by getting disputed decision over Pierre Cossemyns, 10. Johnny Jarrett stopped Warner Batchelor, 3.

Al Asuncion kayoed Koji Ishibashi, 7. Johnny Morrissey whipped Jimmy Carson, 8. Dwight Hawkins bested Nacho Escalante, 4. Lourdinez Jr. outscored Viva Zapata, 6. 10. Johnny Caldwell halted Michel Lamora,

FLYWEIGHTS

British Empire Champion Dennis Adams stopped Silas Boko, 6.

Mario DeLeon stopped Jimmy Abeyta, 9.

Carlos Miranda kayoed Nicolas Ascanio, 7.

Joe Medel defeated bantamweight Jose Luis Mora, 10. Saul Becerril kayoed Carlos Olivares, 6.

Oscar Suarez outscored Memo Diez, 10. Chucho Hernandez stopped Zurdo Arce 7. Goyo Flores lost to bantam Aljeo Mejia 10.

Tibico Torres defeated Papelero Rodriguez, 8. Gustavo Sosa, 8, and Juanito Mendoza, 10. Ignacio Pina kayoed Jorge Herrera, 5 and beat Baby Rios, 10. Carlos Rodriguez whipped Ricardo Valdez, 10.

Raul Olmos beat Enrique Alvarez, 10. Giancarlo Montanari whipped Salvatore Petrangeli, 8. Panchito Saldivar won from Jorge Salazar, 10.

Alfonso Palma won from Pulgarcito Gutierrez, 6. Javier Gabino was stopped in 7 by bantamweight Monito Luna. Leo Zulueta whipped Kid Independence Jr. 10.

Ghanan champion Little Joe outpointed Nigerian Champion Ado Garuba for West African title, 12. Gallito Vega kayoed Chamaco Aguirre, 2. Joe Guevarra whipped Romeo Gonzales, 8. Francisco Ortiz and Jose Verchines drew, 6.

Babe Siki kayoed Bernanrdino Martinez, 1. Manuel Tolosa defeated Baby Escalante, 6. Luis Gonzalez kayoed Oscar Salacar, 2.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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RAW DECISION FOR SPINKS OVER BELGIAN CONTENDER

The day following the E. B. U. discussion, the British were in an uproar over a decision that rocked the Empress Hall where Britain's undefeated former Olympic bantam champion Terry Spinks received the verdict over Pierre Cossemyns. Though Terry was dropped three times in the third round and was given no more than two of the eight rounds with two even, his hand was raised as the winner.

The crowd that has previously cheered Spinks for his courage, burst into prolonged booing and when the referee entered the ring for the next contest, he was met by a storm of paper programs and orange peel. Spinks' seconds were as much surprised as was the Belgian loser at the verdict.

"American promoters have made it tough for us," said Nottingham promoter Reg King in discussing his attempt to have Hogan Kid Bassey box Percy Lewis of Trinidad, the Empire title holder, for the world crown. George Biddles, manager of Bassey, insists he won't permit his champ to fight for less than 20,000 pounds. *"We can get that sort of money in America,"* says Biddles.

"Sure British and French fighters earn big money in the States when they top a promotion," continued King, *"but how much do they actually keep?*

"For a start, there are the U.S. agent's fees which Biddles must give up —probably amounting to a third of Bassey's purse. Then there are the terrifically high expenses. I saw how much Randolph Turpin came back with from his U.S. fights. It was nothing like his estimated purse.

If Biddles will come down to earth and show me exactly how much he brought back from Los Angeles I'll guarantee to match that sum for a title bout with Lewis in Nottingham."

CO-MANAGERS ALSO TAKE CRACK AT THE GRAVY

One of the British sports writers pointed out that Americans are aware that Promoter King's statement is not far-fetched. *"Every prominent boxer who is booked for a top contest in the States often not only pays an agent's fee but finds himself with a co-manager who acts as his U.S. representative,"* he wrote. *"This apparently is common practice."*

That's nothing new. It has been carried on for many years. Though Bassey refuses to defend his title in Europe, he signed with Harry Levine for an overweight, non-title bout.

The most sought attraction in Europe seems to be Willie Pastrano. I can readily understand the reason for his popularity. The fans in Europe, especially in Great Britain, prefer a boxer to a fighter and Willie's style meets their approval. The promoters are looking for the gold rush and they believe that Pastrano can lead them to it. After meeting Franco Cavicchi in Bolgna, Pastrano goes to Sweden to fight Ingemar Johansson.

Solomons told me that he has the upper hand on a bout between Brian London and Pastrano for White City Stadium in September and Walter Hazeltime, West Hartlepool's promoter, is attempting to have a London-Pastrano bout in South Wales for August.

A bid has also come to Willie from Cardiff, Wales, for a September outdoor match. The New Orleans heavyweight apparently doesn't have to wait on Cus D'Amato's decision regarding the next opponent for Floyd Patterson in a title bout. Pastrano can make far more steering clear of Floyd.

U. S. WORLD TITLE HOLDERS IN NO DANGER FROM BRITISH

America need have no fear of a Britisher relieving Floyd Patterson, Archie Moore, Ray Robinson, Virgil Akins or Joey Brown of the crown each wears from what I observed in my travels through England and Continental Europe. After watching Brian London knock out Joe Erskine; Dave Charnley outpoint Joe Lopes of California; Mike Holt of South Africa shade Yolande Pompey of the British West Indies and Terry Downes hand a shellacking to Pat Mc Ateer, I can safely say that there is no danger of any of our world champions being shorn of their crown by representatives of the British Empire.

BRIAN LONDON LACKS CHAMPIONSHIP ESSENTIALS

The best performance on Solomons all-star card at the White City Stadium was that of Downes, whose one-sided triumph caused McAteer to announce his retirement, thus making his conqueror the leading contender for the vacant British middleweight throne.

Brian London is definitely not the answer to Britain's search for a heavyweight king nor is Charnley, aggressive southpaw British lightweight king, ready to tackle Brown. As for Holt, whose praises have been sung in the British press as a worthy challenger for the cruiserweight champion, he had better not tackle Moore, Harold Johnson or Tony Anthony if he knows what's good for him.

Solomons, despite great odds due to many days of bad weather and the London bus strike, promoted an excellent show, but dropped close to $30,000 on the promotion. Now he has in London, the new British and Empire heavyweight king, a far more colorful fighter than Erskine.The newly crowned king is a crude but strong, courageous fighter. He lacks many of the essentials of a finished battler.

Erskine was well in the lead when he suffered a severe cut over his eye in the seventh round. It blinded him and made him helpless against a continued attack by his adversary, who knowing that Erskine's punches couldn't hurt him, tore in and took full advantage of the situation.

He dropped Joe for an eight count in the eighth and when Erskine got to his feet, he put him on the canvas a second time and Joe was counted out.

Charnley, who is still in the Army, gave a fine performance in winning from his American rival. He definitely belongs among the top ranked lightweights but must steer clear for some time from the likes of Joey Brown. He doesn't possess what it takes to face the champ. He sent Lopes to the canvas with a solid right to the jaw in the fourth round for a count of two but thereafter couldn't shake up his opponent though he won by a clear margin. He was severely handicapped by continued nose bleed.

Holt, the South African champion, barely came through against Pompey who has shot his bolt as a top notcher. Due to fight Durelle for the Empire light heavyweight title in Montreal, Holt will find the Canadian a far tougher opponent than Pompey. Holt is a good club fighter, but lacks the ability of Harold Johnson or Tony Anthony and as for Moore, the latter would probably stop the South African in a few rounds. Holt is aggressive, a willing mixer but is easily hit. Pompey gave him a tough battle and came close to making it an even affair.

Downes, like the others, still has much to learn but he is aggressive and keeps punching.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

AS has been the custom in recent months New York's Madison Square Garden has been the focal spot of financial success in wrestling.

The grappling fans moved the game back into the peak of popularity with 20,335 fanatics coughing up $62,391.94 to see the team of Antonio Rocca of Argentina (currently New York City) and Miguel Perez, Puerto Rican heaver, sans any riots, take the measure of a couple of typical Ivy Leaguers, "the crewcut kids", Larry and Joe Hamilton.

Our heroes took the worst that the Hamilton villains had to offer and then smashed their way to success in two falls that left little doubt in the minds of their partisan followers of their superiority. The only sound audible to mar the serenity of the evening was the deafening cheers and applause for the Latin team and the change of pace immediately after the announcement of their victory when the lights went on and the National Anthem was played.

Rocca thanked the crowd in Spanish for their fine behavior . . . for the first time this year there were no riots of any kind . . . not a bumskinned noggin. Over 800 of the faithful were turned away when at 5 PM the PA system announced that the show was "all sold out!"

On another evening at Bagdad's Garden the Red Raiders from Russia won the final weightlifting competition over the best team that the U. S. could put together.

In three appearances in America the Russians gained a clean sweep in all three team competitions. They won in Chicago, 6-1, in Detroit, 4-3 and in New York, 4-3.

The contests consisted of each pair of contestants making three lifts each in each of three styles with the highest accumulated lift in each style determining the outcome.

Above: Princess Bonita and one of the "all-time" top notchers among the Indian grapplers, Chief Lone Eagle. (Photo by Bob Utter) Right: Antonino Rocca, Argentina's gift to wrestling, visits Metropolitan singing star Kurt Baum in the hospital. Rocca offers apologies for the accidental nose injury he caused his friend Baum, one-time amateur boxing champ of Prague, asked Rocca to show him how to do a head lock. Rocca obliged and Baum is now breathing out of his mouth. The hospital will fix that.

The styles are the *press*, the *snatch* and *clean* and *jerk*. For those not used to playing with dumbells we will elucidate. The *press* is when the lifter takes the weight to his chest, hold it there for two seconds and then while standing erect, raises it overhead to full arms length and holds it there for two seconds. In *the snatch*, the weight is taken directly from the floor to overhead in one motion, whereas in *the clean and jerk*, the weight is raised to the chest as the lifter goes into a deep knee bend with knees split apart and then the weight is raised aloft over the lifter's head. It's all very simple . . . ready, exercise.

A summary of results of the New York matches:

Bantamweight class–Charles Vinci United States, defeated Vladimir Stogov, 749 pounds (225¾, 231¼, 292) to 732½ (231¼, 225¾, 275½).

Featherweight class–Isaac Berger, U. S., defeated Eugene Minaev, 804¼ pounds (253½, 231¼, 319½) to 782¼ (248, 236¾, 297½).

Lightweight class—Vikto Bushuyev, Russia, defeated Joe Pitman, 865¼ pounds (275½, 253½, 336¼) to 776½ (236¾, 231¼, 308½).

Middleweight class–Tommy Kono, U. S., defeated Feodor Bogdanovsky, 936¾ pounds (286½, 281, 369¼) to 936¾ pounds (292, 275½, 567½), Kono declared winner because of lighter body weight.

SHORT STORY ON VICKI LYNN

Blonde! Beautiful and with more curves than a national highway!

"I would someday like to be as great as June Byers," smiles this pert little blonde whose eyes sparkle when talking of the wrestling sport.

Vicki Lynn for most of her life has been an ardent mat fan. Before going into the profession she never missed a show in her home town of Procktersville, Ohio, and often went to Columbus to catch the headliners in action.

After seeing Banner, Byers, and a few others in the ring, Miss Lynn got in touch with star maker Billy Wolfe who started her on her way to stardom.

Vicki has lost her share of matches since turning pro but has been coming along fast in recent months and may threaten Miss Byers' crown if she keeps it up.

Having made a study of scientific wrestling, Miss Lynn names Lou Thesz as being the best she has ever seen in action. *"I've patterned blocks, escapes and takedowns after Thesz."*

Being gifted with the body of a professional model, Miss Lynn is one of matdom's snappiest dressers. She possesses a wardrobe that would make the average woman shiver with envy.

This 5-foot, 6-inch, 135-pound beauty, selects bowling, swimming and golfing as her choice hobbies. Golfing and bowling gives her grace and poise which is one reason for her popularity with bookers and promoters throughout the country.

GIL LACROSS
By Bob Utter

Gil LaCross is an 18 year veteran in the struggle and grunt fraternity.

Gil's background in wrestling goes back to 1936 when he was a middleweight knocking about the Central States.

LaCross was born in Canada but moved to Boston in 1917. He now makes his home in Toledo, Ohio.

He actually started as a welterweight but had only a few bouts in this weight. However, at the age of 18, he met the great Jackie Reynolds, then king of the 147-pounders, but was defeated.

As a middleweight in 1935 Gil faced the likes of Dude and Bobby Chick, Martino Angelo, Steve Nenoff, and

Ferencz, "Big Jim" Szikszay, the 221 pound Hungarian, who now calls Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, home.

Ramona TeSalle, a rugged woman grappler of the school that asks and gives no quarter. She possesses great charm.

Dino Bravo, a 23 year old Italian lad, standing 6'6" and weighing 250 pounds, who is making headway in the Southwest.

Leo Nomellini, left, wrestling star, and San Francisco Forty Niner pro footballer, playfully saying welcome to Paul Anderson, Olympic weight lifting champ, recently turned to the grunt fraternity.

Danny McDonald. He held the New England middleweight championship and challenged Gus Kallio, then champion, but a match between the two never materialized.

In the 175-pound ranks LaCross met and defeated such notables as Wild Red Berry, Red Sims, Sockeye McDonald, Johnny Balbo and others. He wrestled LeRoy McGuirk to two draws.

When asked whom he thought was the best he had met, Gil smiled and said, "*My choice as the smartest and cleverest was McGuirk. Jack Reynolds was the roughest.*"

At present LaCross is a little on the plump side. He stands 5-feet 8-inches in height and weighs 210-pounds. His age is 41.

Gil's hobbies are hunting and fishing. At one time he played semi-pro football and starred in hockey.

He is a food broker in Toledo and wrestles only to keep in shape. The LaCross's have a daughter, Pat, 21, and two sons, Jim, 15, and Ronnie, 8.

FREDDY BLASSIE
By Gene Gordon

Freddy Blassie, a top wrestler in the South and elsewhere for the past ten years is rated among the top contenders for the world's heavyweight title. Recently Freddy won the World's Jr. Heavyweight Title in Nashville, Tenn., from Tor Yamato, the St. Louis fireball, who is known in some areas as "The Blond Bomber."

In high school, Freddy won the AAU Boxing Championship and later turned professional boxer. He once exchanged punches with Tony Galento, Lee Savold, Roland La Starza and Lem Franklin. However, wrestling was his sport and he quickly decided to make it his life's work.

Day after day he put in long hours of workouts.

In 1947 Blassie made his Southern debut in Charlotte, North Carolina. His first opponent at the old Armory was a masked wrestler who was known as "Masked Marvel No. 2." This fellow had a long winning streak here and was considered unbeatable. Blassie defeated the masked man that night and won the hearts of local mat fans by removing the face covering of the hooded man. After several wins over good wrestlers, Blassie decided to travel.

He was successful in the East, Southwest, and California where he became well known and appeared on televised cards. His best remembered bouts there were with Sander Szabo, Mr. Moto, Bud Curtis, Chris Tolas, Joe Pozandak and Wild Red Berry.

His speed in the ring and the ease with which he slipped from defense to offense made him a colorful man to watch.

One of Freddy's early teachers was Billy Hanson. This veteran taught Freddy his famous wristlock which, applied correctly, is almost impossible to break. Among Blassie's other favorite holds is the spinning neckbreaker and the atomic drop.

Freddy's greatest victory was winning the Southern States Heavyweight Title from Don McIntvre, a title he held for over two years. Another title he held was the Pacific Coast championship which he won from Hans Schnoble.

Handsome, well built with curly hair and a winning smile, Freddy is the favorite wrestler of the ladies. Once in Louisville, Ky., a famous painter made a sketch of Freddy. It was auctioned and $225 was raised for a charity benefit. At the same time two of his curls were auctioned and

the locks brought $25.00 each.

After many years of clean, scientific wrestling, Blassie decided to change his style and is now considered the "villain" who goes out for aggressive, rough style of brawling.

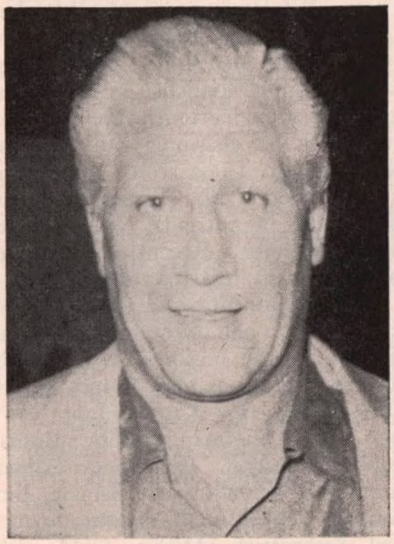
Many injuries have come his way. Among these were a serious head cut requiring nine stitches from being thrown into the ring post during a match with the wild Mexican Charro Aztec. Not to mention broken fingers, dislocated back, broken nose, torn ligaments, and various other injuries that are an occupational hazard in the mat sport.

But it's the rough toughies who get the main events in the South, and Blassie wants to have something to put in his pocket besides his fingers when his wrestling days have ended. Although many fans now dislike him, they still pack the arenas in droves, so Blassie doesn't mind as long as they boo or cheer him. "It's time to worry when they stop saying anything about you." As Freddy puts it, *"Once I was considered a nice guy in the ring, but nice words doesn't put money in your pocket."*

So Blassie changed his style and it's been paying off at the box office.

Outside the ring, Blassie is still the friendly, mild mannered fellow he always was and when he decides to hang up his trunks, the mat sport will miss one of its best stars.

Standing 5 ft. 11 in., and weighing 225 pounds, Blassie stays in excellent physical condition.



Freddy Blassie, ex-professional boxer, who is a favorite in Southern rings. Starting out as a clean, scientific grappler, he has recently changed and is now a leading "villain".

Gilbert Cross, known in wrestling circles as Gil LaCross, who is close to a twenty year man in the mat game. He is 5'8" tall and weighs in at 210 pounds.

THE PACIFIC COAST
. . . BY ED BRIGGS

The much publicized contest between Pacific Coast Heavyweight champion Ramon Torres of Mexico, and challenger Big Stan Kowalski of Minneapolis took place in Fresno, California, recently with the big Polish giant winning the third and final fall via disqualification when Torres missed Kowalski with a dropkick, smashing the referee and knocking the arbiter from the ring. The third man, Jack Kenyon, disqualified Torres and at this writing, Kowalski and Torres have been signed by Fresno promoter-matchmaker Al Dermer for a rematch.

New heavyweight sensation on the west coast is 240 pound Mike Valentino. Big Mike, a tall wiry clean-cut lad, has been in the game 5 years. He whipped veteran badman Juan Humberto in Fresno recently in a fast paced battle.

Ronnie (Wonder Boy) Etchison, the West Coast teenage idol, writes from Atlanta, Georgia, where he is doing very well. Ronnie, a personable giant-swing and dropkick specialist, is a former Pacific Coast titlest and is one of the most highly regarded matsters in action in the U. S. A. . . . Art Neilsen has departed coast rings and is seeing action in Oklahoma and Texas. Neilsen is a smooth operator who delights in winning his bouts the fastest way possible. A top pier-six type brawler, Art is nevertheless a very well versed wrestler. . . . Eddie (Rod) Rodriguez is back in his home state of Texas after a whirlwind tour of Oregon, British Columbia, and Washington. A Navy veteran, Rod is 25 years old, and is a fine prospect. He hails from San Antonio. . . . Hans (Bully) Hermann, 275 pound German Oak from Chicago,

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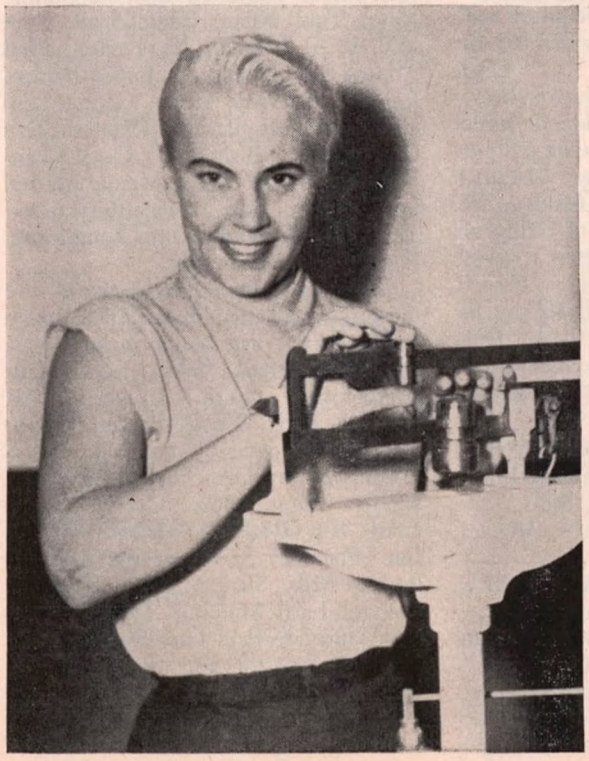

Penny Banner, one of the mat's prettiest gals, whose blonde hair and action style has made her a favorite in U. S. rings.

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has been suspended for a 60 day period as a result of his unruly action in a recent Oakland, Calif., bout. . . . Nickie Bockwinkle, mat-wise son of veteran ace Warren Bockwinkle, has reportedly changed his ring name to Dick Warren. Personally, we feel Nickie should continue using the name Bockwinkle as it has become a respected name in pro wrestling, thanks to the fine reputation built up through the years by his father.

Enrique Torres is set for a Canadian tour, while younger brother Al is heading westward to San Francisco. . . . Ricki Starr's recent-coast bouts have created a lot of talk in the Los Angeles area. The talented star from Indiana is fast becoming a big coast favorite. . . . Don Leo Jonathan of Utah has had some bad luck in his South African tour. The giant Mormon Terror has lost two bouts in a row to South Africa's Wild Man of Kalahari. . . . Juan Humberto, the veteran Mexican heavyweight campaigner from San Francisco, is back in his old roughhouse form racking up numerous victories. A firm believer in body conditioning, Humberto exercises vigorously before and after his matches. Juan has been in the business 25 years.

Classy Latin "Pepper" Gomez is the new Texas Heavyweight Champion. Gomez, a highly likeable Los Angeles product, has captured the hearts of Texans and can write his own ticket in the Lone Star State anytime. . . . Stan Kowalski canceled his contemplated New Zealand jaunt after having a measure of success at obtaining a Pacific Coast Heavyweight title contest with Ramon Torres. Stan has wanted the belt for many months. . . . Clyde Steeves, highly versatile Boston heavyweight, is attending Oakland Junior College in California where he is studying to become a nuclear scientist. Steeves plans to attend Oakland JC for three years, University of California for two, and seek his master's degree in physics in the sixth year. The 31 year old mat villain is quizzed by his wife Lillian while driving to and from bouts throughout northern California.

PACIFIC COAST HEAVYWEIGHT RATINGS

CHAMPION: Ramon Torres, Mexico

1. Stan Kowalski, Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Clyde Steeves, Boston, Mass.
3. Nickie Bockwinkle, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Leo Nomellini, Palo Alto, Calif.
5. Paul Anderson, Toccoa, Ga.
6. Karl Von Schober, Berlin, Germany
7. Pat Fraley, Burbank, Calif.
8. Hombre Montana, Mexico
9. Vic Christy, Glendale, Calif.
10. Mike Valentino, Portland, Oregon

PEN-NOTES
By Barry Lloyd Penhale

Many questions cross this reporter's desk from fans around the globe. Needless to say it is nigh impossible to answer all these inquiries personally. Through the courtesy of Nat Loubet's MAT WORLD, however, I will now endeavor to deal with some fan questions and also do a little tub-thumping for a few of my own personal favorites. . . . Some fans ask which wrestlers travel the most. The answer here is not easy, but I will attempt to throw some light on the matter in the minimum of space. Probably the most travelled wrestler of recent times is the great Lou Thesz. While champion or contender, Lou has racked up tremendous mileage by car, plane and ship. The Champ has a luxurious residence near San Diego, but seldom has much time to spend there with his charming wife, Freeda. Not long ago Thesz scored many ring victories over a large international array of wrestlers in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. Recently he toured Japan. That's real traveling.

Franx Sexton, the Ohio powerhouse, has long been one of the most travelled matmen in the business, as has such other Americans as Dick Raines, Chief Little Wolf, Abe Kashey, Lou Newman, Ben Sherman, Bobby Bruns, Bobby Managoff, Pat Fraley, Chief Sunni War Cloud, Seelie Samara, Jim Wright, Tony Morelli, Antone, Leone, Red Kirkpatrick, Mickey Gold and, of course, Gorgeous George. Australian wrestlers seem to have the wanderlust and the same can be said for mat products from New Zealand, South Africa and India. From these lands have come such widely travelled men as Bonnie Muir, Tom Nilan, Eddie Scarf, Stan Wurth, Al Costello, Ty Layton, Fred Atkins, Roy Heffernan, Frank Hurley, Jon Morro, Clyde Hurle, George Pencheff, Jack O'Reilly, Ken Kenneth, Ray Clarke, Russ Bishop, Willie Liebenberg, Johan Van Hefer, Mamie Maritz, Les Herbert, Tiger Duala, Bhu Pinder, Tarlok Singh, Wadi Ayoub, King Kong, Joginder and Argan Das.

Canada has produced some of the most travelled men in the sport today and a partial list would include Earl McCready, Frank Valois, Jack Wentworth, Bob "Legs" Langevin, Pat Meehan, Eddy "Flash" Barker, "Strangler" Bob Wagner, Yvon Robert, Bob Lortie, Johnny Demchuck, Jack Terry, Sander (Frank) Feze, George Gardienko, Roy McLarity, Billy Watson, Jim (Ferencz) Szikszay, Abe Zvenkin, Ben & Mike Sharpe, Chief Thunderbird and Larry Moquin. The late Herb Parks and late Paul Lortis were two of Canada's greatest and most travelled matmen. Young Jack Laskin of Hamilton recently in England is perhaps Canada's newest globe-trotter.

Referring to a participant in any branch of sports as a real "pro" is the finest compliment one can hand out and in the case of Ferencz (Jimmy) Szikszay the clever 221 pound Hungarian, the compliment is well deserved. For the affable man with the almost unpronounceable name has earned the distinction of being a worthy opponent for the best in wrestling. A while back Ziggy held the Southern Junior Heavyweight Crown for a lengthy period, defending it against all comers. He's a solid matman with a pleasing style made up of European and catch-as-catch can mat tactics.

Szikszay is now a Canadian citizen and calls Oshawa, Ontario, his home. He has invested his earnings in Canada and is known as the Apartment King. Jimmy is always on the move, Canada one day, the U. S. or Hawaii next. It is doubtful if any other grappler does much more travelling than the husky Hungarian, unless of course, Thesz. Jim is a great Ambassador of goodwill.

Incidentally, though it wasn't a match he won, Szikszay gave Hans Hermann a real tussle last year in the TV Studio match in North Bay, Canada, which "Ring" magazine rated responsible for the second worst wrestling riot of the year. I didn't see the Madi-Square Garden fiasco, but involved as I was in the other as TV ringside commentator, I can assure you the North Bay affair was a real donnybrook and all televised, too.

TEXAS ROUNDUP
BY TEXAS BOB UTTER

Houston mat impressario Morris Sigel signed, sealed and will deliver to wrestling fans in the Lone Star state what should be the match of 1958.

Sigel, the dean of all promoters in the Southwest, informed yours truly that Dick Hutton, N.W.A. heavyweight champion, had accepted the $25,000 base guarantee to wrestle International Champion Lou Thesz in a recognized title bout at the Sam Houston Coliseum. A date has not been set. A standing room crowd is expected.

Thesz has made two appearances in Houston during past months defeating El Medico in his first showing and then was held to a draw by Pepper Gomez. Hutton, the former Oklahoma A&M University and Olympic star, will be seen for the first time here since winning the global belt.

In one of the top scraps at the City Auditorium last month, Pepper Gomez, 205, Los Angeles, Calif., the idol of Texas, scored a two out of a three-fall win over Tarzan Zorro, 230, Paris, France, before 6,000 spectators. Gomez captured the second and third fall.

A hotly-contested grudge scrap saw

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stopping Sugar Hart he lost to Gil Turner, a setback which appeared to knock him out of the championship picture.

It was just then that Carmen Basilio had won the world middleweight title and the welterweight crown was up for grabs. Akins at first wasn't given a tumble and was not considered in any elimination plans.

At this point, it seems, Akins took matters into his own capable fists and decided to scramble the well-laid plans of so many well-meaning men who wanted the situation cleared up. Akins cleared it up, and cleaned it up.

At this crucial point, those considered for an elimination tourney were Tony DeMarco, Isaac Logart, Vince Martinez, Gaspar Ortega, Gil Turner and George Barnes of Australia.

The fact that Akins had a bout scheduled with DeMarco was hopefully ignored. By this time, Akins, who had gained a confidence which he found easy to put into words and action, was in no mood to be ignored. He kayoed DeMarco in fourteen rounds.

Just to prove this was no fluke, Akins once again stopped DeMarco, this time in twelve rounds. Logart defeated Ortega, Martinez beat Turner, and Barnes withdrew from the tourney. The picture was clearing. Only three were left in the running, Logart, Martinez and Akins, our boy having edged in by the skin of his teeth, so to speak, though not officially having as yet participated in the tourney.

The rest is recent history. Names were picked out of a hat. Logart was to meet Akins in the semi-final, the winner to fight Martinez, who had drawn a bye, for the vacant championship.

Well, again Akins looked as if he had had it, when for five rounds on March 21 in the Garden, Logart had him looking silly and appeared likely to walk off with the twelve round decision. But in the sixth round Akins unleashed a barrage of punches that took Logart out of the running and moved Virgil into the final chapter of a terrific success story.

The furious manner in which Akins devastated the clever-boxing Vince Martinez in four rounds, dropping him nine times, is fully and ably told elsewhere in this issue.

Suffice it for us to say that Virgil emerged not alone as the new world welterweight champion, but with a new respect and admiration among fighting men and fans, and a popularity which will see him a tremendous drawing card wherever and against whomever he should now fight.

Known as Honey Bear, he fought like a grizzly and it is the hope of all in boxing that he can retain this sensational stride he is in. Such performances do much to renew interest in boxing, while helping a colorful and deserving champion to stack up a neat bundle for himself.

When one considers that only two short years ago Akins fought a main event in Holyoke, stopping Rudolph Bent in eight rounds, for a purse of $56, realization of the long way he has come is more emphatically brought home. The possibility that his next title fight will earn for him at least a thousand times more than the Bent bout shows the strange allure of the sport and graphically brings to light the up-and-down crazy-quilt pattern of Akins' career.

Akins was born in St. Louis on March 10, 1928. His father died when he was nine years old and the family, which included three sisters and a brother, were poverty-stricken. Young Virgil chopped railroad ties which he sold as kindling wood and took other odd jobs to help his family. The Akinses lived in a three room flat at Second and Mullanphy Streets, a short distance from the Mississippi River. After he was married and had two children, there were ten people living in those three rooms.

Always a somber youngster, he attended Vashon High School where his friends always kidded him about his manner.

"What have I got to smile about, anyway," was the answer that the sullen youngster would give.

Things are different for Akins and his family now and he has much to smile about. But it isn't an easy, carefree smile. It's a hard and knowing one, bitterly earned.

Elephant Boy. Alphonse Halimi, world bantamweight champion has joined the Amar Circus in France. He keeps in shape sparring with a heavyweight pal of his, Jumbo, whose footwork is the envy of many fighters.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Ike Morales

IT'S HARDLY LIKELY THAT RALPH DUPAS, WHO FINALLY RECEIVED his title chance, will ever compete as a lightweight again.

When Champion Joe Brown stopped the local phantom of the roped square, Ralph said he would fight in the future as a welterweight.

Dupas holds decisions over a number of ranking 147 pounders, among them Vince Martinez, Mickey Crawford, Gasper Ortega and Joey Miceli. His outstanding performances were against Crawford and Ortega.

Manager Esneault said he would be ready to accept top bouts for Ralph soon. In fact, the veteran skipper is of the opinion that Dupas will be just as good, if not better, as he was before the Brown fight.

▶ Once the busiest fight town in the nation, boxing appears to be at a low ebb in New Orleans of late. However, local promoters feel certain the sport will pick up soon with the matching of ranking fighters against the Crescent City's foremost glove-pushers.

For some time now, efforts to bring in Rory Calhoun or Spider Webb for a meeting with Charley Joseph have been futile. And inability to lure Duilio Loi or some other name fighter to combat Ralph Dupas has been reason enough for the small gates.

Joseph showed he was still to be reckoned with by outpunching Randy Sandy in 10 rounds and stopping Raybon Stubbs in 10.

▶ Another Dupas—Tony Dupas, who is a younger brother to Ralph—has shown rapid strides in recent months. Tony has appeared in five fights this year, losing but one. A 20-year-old middleweight, whose style is just the opposite to that of brother Ralph, Tony recently whipped Ramon Fuentes in 10 rugged sessions in Municipal Auditorium. A week later, Tony went to Bogalusa, La., where he put the skids under Gordon Van Loo in seven.

Tony Dupas also decisioned Herbie Rodriguez, and Clarence Cook, and was outpointed by Ernie Smith of Pittsburgh in a close tenner. Tony would welcome a chance to meet Joey Miceli or Jimmy Martinez.

▶ Charley Joseph's head and body punches proved the undoing of Raybon Stubbs of Pittsburgh as the local boy was awarded a 10th round knockout in the Coliseum arena.

Joseph, 159, was unable to drop Stubbs, 158, during the fight, and though he was a 4-1 favorite, the 22-year-old visitor absorbed some hefty blows before Referee Frederick Adams halted the contest in 1:35 of the tenth and final round.

Stubbs was a tough little scrapper for the first five rounds, repeatedly scoring with right hand smashes to the head. However, Joseph wore down Stubbs with a relentless close-quarter attack.

The show, promoted by Billy LeBoeuf and Vince Arnone, drew a small crowd of 908 fans who netted $1,166.84.

Al Malone, Mobile, stopped Regus Williams in four; Cal Campbell kayoed George Tousaint in three; Cliff Ensler, Mobile, bested Willie Lee in four, while Joe Gleason, Mobile, outpointed Mike Lowery in 4.

▶ Ramon Fuentes, aggressive Mexican middleweight who dropped a decision to Ralph Dupas, lost another to Ralph's kid brother, Tony Dupas, in Municipal Auditorium.

It was an interesting fight, with Tony's condition being a big factor in his success. Ramon got in some good shots to the body, but Tony landed with head blows in the late rounds.

A total of 1354 paid fans netted $2243.21 to see the Geigerman-Ragas promotion.

Freddie Little, stablemate of the Dupas boys, flattened Vic Penn of Houston in the fourth round.

Roland Manuel defeated Charley Rodriguez; Tony Perez bested Jerry Garcia, and Roger Ettienne TKO'd Kenny Decareaux in the third.

▶ Freddie Little, the Dillard University student, is the latest fighter to stir up the fight crowd. The middleweight, managed by Whitey Esneault, has yet to lose a fight in nine.

In a recent fight staged in Bogalusa, La., Little, 158, chilled Larry Osbey, 158, in the first round of a scheduled six rounder. It was Freddie's seventh knockout in nine fights.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

POSSIBLY you saw it on TV, for it was nationally televised; anyway, Carlos Ortiz, undefeated in 27 pro starts, remained thataway following his 10-round tiff with Joey Lopes, Sacramento, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Ortiz, 135; Lopes, 133½.

It was an impressive and important victory for the 21-year-old Puerto Rican, who now calls New York his home port. Lopes has long been amongst the lightweight top ten.

The verdict was unanimous. Referee Charley Randolph saw it 98-92; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 97-92, and Judge George Latka, 98-92.

Despite Lopes' high ranking, Ortiz entered the ring a favorite at 1 to 2. He was penalized one point for a low blow in Round 5, but as things turned out, he didn't need that single digit. There were no knockdowns. The action was fast throughout, and the tenth round was a real thriller.

Because of the early starting hour—7 p.m., Los Angeles time—the gross was only $2120. The Legion management had another item to contend with: the telecast of the Dodger-Giant baseball game, which is hot stuff out here where the West begins.

Let's put it this way: it wasn't a financial tremender, but it certainly was an artistic success. On the strength of his win, Ortiz is sure to come back to Hollywood—possibly against Al Weill's pride Jimmy Grow, or against Paulie Armstead.

The prelims, all four-rounders: Norman Letcher, 175½, dec. Frank Lawson, 175; Larry Wright, 134, dec. Enrique Arriola, 140½; Manny Gallardo, 128, KO (1) over Raul Serrato, 125, and Jesse Jones, 147½, KO (2) over Johnny Milton, 148½.

▶Chico Vejar hails from Stamford, Conn., and Armando Muniz from Juarez, Mexico. But they locked horns at San Bernardino, California, with Muniz, a decided underdog, winning by a decisive margin. Tom Stanley promoted.

There was only one official, but he was a good one: Frankie Van, and his final tally was 98-94. It was Muniz tenth straight win, and it looks like Doctor Al Stolper, the eminent optometrist from 5th and Broadway, is "off and running" with another potential box-office attraction. Doc is highly respected in fistic circles, and in partnership with Manny Dros made a neat pocketful with Jose Luis Cotero while that young man's star was in the ascendant.

Vejar had a decided advantage in heft: 157½, against 148 for the Juarez Whirlwind.

The fight was on fairly even terms for the first five rounds, but in the 6th Muniz cut loose with a two-fisted barrage that had Vejar on Queer Street, almost on the verge of a kayo. From then on, it was easy sailing for Armando.

In the six-round semi, Vince Davi, 150, dec. Larry Mercer, 148. The fours: Noel Brown, 122, dec. Valentin Gloria, 123; Art Wilson, 149, dec. Bunchi Benitez, 147½, and Paul Shea, 128, dec. Kid Kamva, 127.

▶A small turnout, estimated at 1,000, was at the Olympic Auditorium to see Tiger Al Williams, 158, score a 6th round TKO over Eloy Tellez, 163, San Antonio. It was a substitute match; Gil Cadilli, booked to battle Tommy Tibbs, suffered a sudden flu attack. Tellez suffered a cut eye in the 6th and Manager Norman Lockwood refused to let him come out for the 7th.

Anthony Emanuel, 214, nabbed a split decision over handsome Karl Wendt, Baron von Stumme's heavyweight, 234, in the six-round semi. The fours: Manuel Sifuentes, 122, dec. Calvin Leigh, 119½; Paul Harris, 126, dec. Valentino Gloria, 122; and Joe Tarin, 136½, dec. Ralph Lemos, 137.

This big blond boy, Karl Wendt, shows promise, despite his split verdict loss to Emanuel. This was Karl's third pro fight.

▶M'sieu Al Weill staged a coming-out party for his newest acquisition, Jerry (Little) Firpo, 138½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium—his debut as a main eventer. He turned in a decisive victory over Julian Valdez, Oakland, 140, but the fight was not a thriller, thanks (or no thanks) to Valdez' defensive tactics.

Referee Lee Grossman scored it 97-95, giving Firpo only a 2-point margin. The other two officials gave it to Weill's protege by much bigger margins: Judge Reg Gillmore, 99-93, and Judge Russ Bradford, 99-91.

Firpo's record to date: 13 wins, 2 losses, 1 draw.

Weill presented another protege in the six-round semi—college boy Billy Taylor. But Sonny Hett, 162, heavily tattooed Las Vegas middleweight, spoiled Al's evening by winning the unanimous decision over Taylor, 156½. Taylor hails from Hartford, Conn.

The fours: Rafael Gutierrez, 141, dec. Billy Ryan, 139; Joe Hernandez, 131, dec. Terry Young, 126, and Jimmy Hayes, 149, dec. Joe White, 146.

▶Manuel Ortiz, former world bantamweight champ, was named to boxing's Hall of Fame by the Helms Athletic Foundation, an honor well bestowed and widely applauded by West Coast fans. He held the title for eight long years under the astute management of my long-time pal, Tommy Farmer. It was Tommy who steered him onto the throne and kept him there longer than any other bantam champ.

Ortiz joins an honored group, a really glittering roster. Non-fighters include Tex Rickard and Nat Fleischer; the fighting men: Henry Armstrong, Tony Canzoneri, Jim Corbett, Jack Dempsey, Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Gans, Mike Gibbons, Harry Greb, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Stanley Ketchel, Johnny Kilbane, Fidel La Barba, Sam Langford, Benny Leonard, Joe Louis, Jimmy McLarnin, Rocky Marciano, Battling Nelson, Phila. Jack O'Brien, Barney Ross and now Senor Ortiz.

Manuel was born in El Centro, Calif., in 1917; won the title from Lou Salica in 1942, lost it to Vic Toweel in Johannesburg in 1950. He had 119 pro fights, won 89, 44 by KO; lost 27, boxed 3 draws.

▶They tossed a surprise party for Joe Louis at a local eatery, the occasion being the Brown Bomber's 44th birthday, and he was tickled beyond words. Well, maybe not beyond words, because Joseph did have some words to say about the current crop of heavyweights. He told them to Bud Furillo of the L.A. Herald-Express.

I'm going to quote some of them. Con permiso, Senor Sombrero?

"The heavyweight picture is awful dim," said Joe. "There isn't a fighter in the world equipped to beat Patterson.

"Eddie Machen? He could be a good fighter, but he just won't fight. Don't ask me why.

"Roy Harris? I never saw him. From what I've heard he is a second-rate fighter. I know he beat Pastrano, and a couple of others from the top-ten.

"Zora Folley? He'll never be any better than he is right now. Which isn't good enough.

"Willie Pastrano? A light puncher who likes to bounce around. He wouldn't be able to stay away from Patterson.

"Archie Moore? He doesn't deserve another chance. Looked too bad the last time.

Editorial comment: It strikes this writer that Joe is rather rough on the gents above listed.

I doubt if the current crop of "contenders", to give them the benefit of the doubt, is any worse than those of Mr. Louis' era. It was my job to publicize the Louis-Jack Roper "title fight" in L.A., back in 1939. By superhuman effort, managed to keep the odds down to 10 to 1. Louis received $34,850 for his purse and the gross gate was somewhere in the neighborhood of $90,000.

Just look at some of Joe's opponents in title fights, back there in his "Bum of the Month" days: Harry Thomas, Nathan Mann, Johnny Paycheck, Al McCoy, Gus Dorazio, Tony Musto, Abe Simon, etc. etc.

It is my contention that the current crop stacks up as good and perhaps far better than those gents.

Like Louis, I never saw Roy "Cut and Shoot" Harris—but his wins over Bob Baker, Willie Pastrano, Willi Besmanoff, etc. etc. and his untied and undefeated record (at this writing) entitles him to deep respect.

▶The "Betcha Boys" thought Paulie Armstead, 133½, local pride, was a sure winner over Ezequiel (Chicle) Uribe, 136, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium, and so they installed Paulie choice at ringside odds of 5-1, and even higher.

Armstead won, all right, but it was a split decision.

Referee Russ Bradford incurred the animosity of the predominantly Latin aficionados by warning Uribe for rough stuff. There was a shower of Latin confetti in protest: paper cups, candy wrappers, cigar butts, crumpled programs and the like.

Yet it was Bradford who voted 96-96, a draw. He was outvoted by the two judges, Reggie Gilmore and Lee Grossman, who tabbed Armstead by scores of 98-94 and 99-93, respectively.

The Mexican lad was far from a soft touch, even though he lost. He'll undoubtedly be back, and probably there will be more than the 1500 fans who were on hand for this one, next time he appears here.

Ernest Krenzek, 133, Germany, another of Baron Heinrich von Stumme's importations, rallied strongly to win the unanimous verdict over Aaron Junior, 136, in the six-round semi.

The fours: Sonny Moore, 173, dec. Norman Letcher, 179; James Jones, 152, dec. Ray Lopez, 155; and Richard McLane, 150, dec. Carrizosa, 148.

▶At hand a letter from Mickey Davies, manager of boxers, a guy I like and respect.

Anyway, Mickey is peeved because the local newspapers failed to play up the sensational triumph scored by his bantam, Willie Parker, down Mexico way. Parker scored a 9th round TKO over highly rated, highly regarded Jose "Toluco" Lopez. It was not carried over the wires, but I ran into a score of people the day after the fight who knew all about it, and later prominent sports columnists made reference to it.

I would say that this is an excellent rematch for local promoters.

▶Jerry Mullany sends on a clipping from the San Francisco News—a "Twenty-five years ago" item.

"Heavyweight Leroy Haynes knocked out K. O. Christner, Seals Stadium, and got 15 percent of the gate. His purse was $66. Christner got $49. Al Marino, in prelims, got the biggest purse: he got a guarantee of $100. Rain before the fight, plus very cold weather, cut attendance to a minimum."

I phoned Suey Welch, who used to manage Meyer (K.O.) Christner, and he got a big boot out of it. But he insists that he was on a guarantee and got $300 for his boy. (Boy? Christner was past 30 when he started his boxing career!)

▶Another favorite bit the dust at Hollywood Legion Stadium, when Pete Kawula, Chicago, 128, won a split decision over Hank Aceves, L.A., 128. Aceves entered the ring 2-1 choice in the betting.

The scoring shows how close it was: Referee John Thomas voted for Kawula, 96-95; so did Judge Charley Randolph, 95-94. Judge Joey Olmos saw it even-Stephen, 94-94. It was an excellent scrap from the standpoint of the cash customers—and that's the best kind of a standpoint. Calls for a rematch.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Curly Lee, muscular Phoenix flailer, 183, started slowly but came with a rush and a roar to flatten Frank Lawson, Dallas, 179. Time: 1:04, 5th round. The fours: Ricki Palma, 132, dec. Larry Tobar, 132; Ray Fuentes, 153, split draw with Art Wilson, 151½; and Bob Smith, 179, drew with Roy Smith, 184.

▶Speaking of Kawula, the long-shot players ought to erect a statue in his honor and place it in the Legion lobby. Four times Pete has gone to the post at the Filmville arena; four times he has been the underdog in the betting, and four times he has had his hand h'isted in token of victory: Lauro Salas, twice; Ernesto Figueroa and now Hank Aceves. Funny, too, is this fact: Kawula lost to both Figueroa and Aceves in fights at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A.

Las Vegas isn't in my territory, but I have paid my dues there and feel free to discuss items of fistic interest.

Like, for instance, that riotous ruckus between Zora Folley and Art Swiden. He hails from Pittsburgh, and never set the river afire in the ring. Anyway, Folley, 198, was given the unanimous decision over Swiden, 194. Highlight of the fight was the sixth round, when Folley sunk to the canvas following a blow to the body. Referee Frank Serna ruled it a low left hook. Handlers for both fighters, police and cash customers climbed into the ring. A good time was had by all.

Finally the cops got things quieted down—somewhat that is.

In the 7th round, as both fighters got into a clinch in Folley's corner, Swiden aimed a kick at Manager Bill Swift's head. It looked like a point after touchdown, but it missed the cross-bar.

Then the referee charged that Swiden was stepping on Folley's feet. "Not quite cricket,

you know!" he warned Swiden. Swiden's reply—well, this is a family publication and besides I don't use that kind of lingo.

For the balance of the fight, Swiden taunted Folley with such cracks as: "Come on, you bum. You're not going anywhere."

After all this was over, the customers returned to the crap tables and resumed their prayers to Lady Luck to give 'em an eight the hard way.

▶Cisco Andrade, who retired from the ring last year, is thinking of un-retiring. At least, that's what he told Sid Ziff, sports ed. of the Mirror-News. Cisco is only 28, ten years younger than Sugar Ray, four years younger than Joe Brown, and Heaven alone knows how many years younger than Archie Moore.

Andrade's return would be welcomed by local fans.

▶Newest Mexican sensation, featherweight Mauro Vasquez, from Tlaxcala, racked up his 14th knockout in 15 pro starts at the Olympic Auditorium and ended the boxing career of Vince Delgado in Round 3. Delgado had solemnly vowed to hang 'em up for good if he failed to win. Vasquez, 128; Delgado, 127½.

Gross gate was $7454 for the non-televised fight.

This kid's good; no doubt about it. But let's see what he does against upper-case clouters.

Larry Maldonado, 166, won the unanimous verdict over Orlando De Pietro, 162½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Questa Walker, 136, dec. Nat Simon, 138; Joe Jacobs, 137½, TKO (3) over Joe Fernandez, 133; and Caesar Sanchez, 141, dec. Richard Coca, 141.

▶It took Art Aragon, 155½, six rounds to stow away one Alfonso Flores, 153, who was billed as the middleweight champion of Mexico at Hollywood Legion Stadium. To get a first-hand picture of Senor Flores, look at Page 552, 1958 Ring Record Book. The lad has lost 23 fights, four of them by knockout.

Aragon had promised all week that he'd put away the invader inside of two rounds; and judging by Flores' record, was entitled to this brag.

It was one of Aragon's bad nights. An unimpressive performance against a mediocrity. Despite the fact that the scrap was on TV, the gross ($5 top) was $6750, with about 4100 fans on hand. Aragon got 40% of the net; Flores, 15%. Both were overpaid.

Bob Parish, 174, defeated Clyde Watson, 175, in the six-round semi. The fours: Jeff Jones, 162, dec. Lou Dodrill, 156½; Noel Brown, 123, KO (2) over Manuel Martinez, 119; and De Witt Lewis, 150, KO (3) over Don Howard, 150.

▶Ike Chestnut, who has made more money in California than he has in his native town of New York, romped to a one-sided victory over Ernesto Parra, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium. Gross gate, $5860. Considerably below Ike's previous gates at the venerable downtown arena: Chestnut, 129½; Parra, 130.

The verdict was unanimous, with two of the officials giving Chestnut perfect 100 scores. Here's how they voted: Referee Lee Grossman, 100-88; Judge George Latka, 100-89; and Judge Tommy Herman, 99-94.

Parra was a bloody mess when the fight ended.

In the six-round semi, Danny Valdez, 126, scored his ninth straight win over Collier Cox, 126. The fours: Jess Morales, 129, drew with Arvil Burris, 129; Cesar Sanchez, 121, dec. Manuel Elias, 120½; and Larry Mercer, 148, dec. Bunchi Benitez, 144½.

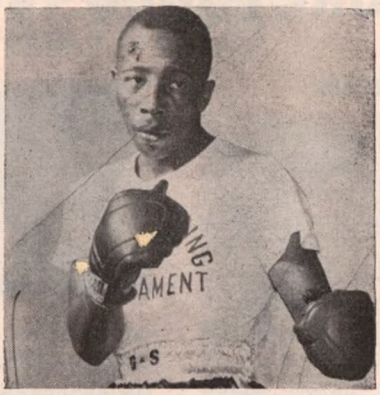
▶Back to the wars came Jimmy Hornsby, 136½, after more than a year of inactivity, and the rest seemed to do him a world of good for he scored a smashing unanimous verdict over Rudy Jordan, 138, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Hornsby is now managed by Suey Welch.

It was Hornsby's 11th pro fight; he has won ten, five by knockout, and this was his second triumph over Jordan, well-regarded youngster. Jimmy never looked better. He had plenty of power in his right hand, and Jordan's southpaw stance didn't seem to bother him a whit. Only knockdown of the fight was scored in the 6th, when Hornsby nailed Jordan with a bullet-like right to the jaw. He went down for nine.

Referee Charley Randolph and Judge John Thomas turned in identical ballots, 99-91, and Judge Tommy Hart voted 98-93, all for Hornsby of course.

In the six-round semi, veteran Cecil Schoonmaker, 127 former main eventer and State bantam champ, scored the unanimous verdict over Frankie Salas, 128, Tucson. Cecil had too much know-how. The fours: Jimmy Jones, 157, KO (1) over Cee Jay Johnson, 156½, Artie McCann, 141, dec. Billy Bolin, 140½, and Tony Emanuel, 211, dec. Puggy Jones, 179.

▶It was Baron von Stumme night at the Olympic Auditorium, with three of the Baron's stalwart German importations on the card: Karl Heinz Guder, welter, in the main event; Ernest Krenzek, lightweight, in the six-round semi, and Karl Heinz Wendt, heavy, in a four-spot.



Ike Chestnut, high ranking New York featherweight who has been campaigning in California, romped to a one-sided victory over Ernesto Parra at the Olympic Auditorium in a ten rounder.

Well, the Baron batted .333. Only one of his boys was victorious, though all three were in great fights, and the 4500 fans went home happy. All except those who had wagered on the Baron's boys.

Alvaro Gutierrez, Mexico City, 147½, scored an 8-round TKO over Guder, 148, in the featured fracas, as bloody a battle as was ever staged in the downtown arena.

Nat Simon, 135, dropped Krenzek, 135, twice, opened a deep gash under the German's eye, and the fight was halted in the 5th.

It remained for Karl Heinz Wendt, 230, to save the Baron from complete disaster, and he did it nobly; Wendt went to town on Kenny Yates, 188, and scored a clean kayo in the fourth.

It was German Club night; and every Teutonic organization in town was represented in the audience.

It was Gutierrez' second local victory. On his last appearance here he scored a TKO over well-regarded L. C. Morgan, also a thriller.

Action was torrid in the ring, and there was some scrapping in the audience too. There were a few ad-lib brawls at the ringside. Nobody went to a hospital, but it all tended to make for an exciting night.

Other prelims: Norman Letcher, 172, KO (4) over Sonny Moore, 175; Leo Anderson, 145½, KO (1) over Dick Gustafson, 146½.

In all, five fights, of which four failed to go the distance.

▶My old and valued amigo, Mickey (Soldier) Farr sends me from Chicago a press clipping from a San Francisco paper which was most sad and distressing: Solly Schuman, who had boxed for Jim Mullen 30 years ago, when I lived in Chicago and was associated with Frank A. Churchill, died in San Francisco, at the age of 46.

Solly, known as the "Hot Dog King" in San Francisco, had been very successful as a food concessionaire for the past 18 years in that city. He was widely known, universally loved; one of the nicest guys I ever met, in or out of the fight business. He was survived by his widow, Rose, and a very handsome son, Allen. May he rest in peace.

▶San Jose lightweight Willie Morton, 137½, did not really start fighting until he was sent to the canvas in the fifth round by Baby Vasquez, lightweight champion of Mexico. Willie arose at the count of two, and from then on definitely outpunched Vasquez to take the ten-round decision at the Municipal Stadium in San Jose.

The bout drew 1700 fans. Promoter, Bill Young.

Morton, who has lost only two out of 17 pro fights, had the Mexican on the verge of a knockout in the last round.

In preliminaries John Huston, 164, Oakland, knocked out Joe Neal, 165, Stockton, in the first. Joey Padilla, 137, San Jose, dec. Johnny Guerrero, 138, Sacramento, in six.

▶From Jerry Mullany:

Usually it's the veteran who starts fast, swings constantly, for a possible one-punch knockout, and fades in the later rounds if his haymakers do not connect. The situation was reversed when Charley Norkus faced Archie Moore at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The younger battler set a fast pace in the early sessions, unleashing many potential lethal blows. It was old Archie who came fast after the fifth to bewilder Charley with his boxing. The decision went to Moore with a 100-87 point consensus.

Lou Thomas promoted. The gross gate of $9500 assured him of a modest profit, which observers said would encourage Thomas to line up some future programs.

Moore made no vital mistakes, seldom left an opening, and when he did get hit, he was back on the attack with a rain of punches to Norkus' features. Weights: Moore, 196; Norkus, 193.

Moore suffered but one setback in the evening. He was trying for his 126th knockout, which some statisticians said would put him ahead of the old kayo mark held by Young Stribling.

Dave Rent, 191 pound Britisher and a protege of Al Weill, won over Billy Fields, 196, of S.F. in the semi-final. Rent scored the only knockdown in the six rounder, flooring Fields in the fifth.

Other results: Don Kelly, 157, dec. Dick Bohnett, 156 in 4; Willie King, 146, outpointed Bobby Gatton, 147, in 4; Frank McCoy, 163, KO'd Herschel Bailey, 162, in 1.

▶Many middle-aged and elderly boxing fans in Northern California roamed far down memory lane when they read of the death of Toby Irwin, widely known referee. In the past fifty years, Irwin probably had refereed more bouts than any other official in the West. Death took place in San Francisco.

Unlike many boxing figures, Toby appeared to thrive on unpopularity. Quite often his decisions did not agree with the majority of the spectators. Result was that whenever Irwin's name was announced, a thunderous "boo..ooo..oo" rocked the pavilion. This always brought a grin from Toby—he regarded the anvil chorus as an inverse sign of actual affection.

The attitude of one oldster might have summed up the comparative decline in box-office enthusiasm:

"No, I don't go much anymore. But I used to pay my two bucks every week, just so I could razz Toby."

Irwin started as a consistent winning lightweight boxer, and later became a busy promoter of weekly shows at Dreamland Rink. He gave up refereeing six years ago, but continued to serve often as a judge.

Most of his life was spent on Telegraph Hill in San Francisco's North Beach.

▶Eddie Muller of the San Francisco Examiner, recognized as one of the Nation's leading boxing critics, was the center of attention at a testimonial dinner given in the Bay City. The assemblage at the Italian Village restaurant numbered more than 500, including Northern California's most colorful ring figures and officials of the State Athletic Commission.

Muller's "Shadow Boxing" is one of the few "every day" boxing columns in the Nation. It appeared daily without a miss even during the years when there were few boxing bouts in San Francisco. Making the following comment by Sports Editor Curley Grieve very apropos:

"I sincerely think that the fight game would have collapsed in San Francisco as in many other cities except for Eddie Muller's diligent labors. He sparked the interest.

"Boxing has recently prospered in San Francisco. The box office bell rang and the city became almost the only oasis where television plasma was not compulsory to sustain it. It could—and has—made gate receipts carry the load. One man's effort had a great deal to do with this."

Those present at the testimonial included Willie Ritchie, ex-lightweight champion; Frankie Neil, former bantam title holder; Joe Benjamin, 135-pound contender in the '20s, and Don Dunphy, Cavalcade of Sports announcer.

Muller has been with The Examiner for 34 years, starting as an office boy. His "Shadow Boxing" column has been appearing since 1935.

▶At the Oakland Civic Auditorium it was the biggest night in Vic Cardot's career, for he was facing a "name" fighter for the first time. It was also an important battle for Johnny Gonsalves, a long time occupant of the top-ten niche among the lightweights. For if Johnny made too many wrong moves, his very determined opponent might blast him into fistic oblivion.

But Gonsalves was at his best, and his less experienced foe did not win a round as Johnny took the ten round decision. Gonsalves weighed 140; Cardot, 138. Both are Oakland hometowners.

Gross receipts of the show promoted by Jimmy Dundee were $3650.

Occasionally the determined Cardot drove some hard right hand shots at Gonsalves' body. But these forays were infrequent, as Gonsales stood off, feinted, drew Cardot out of punching range, and then moved into to whack him convincingly with combinations.

Gonsalves was able to break a losing

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

GENE (ACE) ARMSTRONG

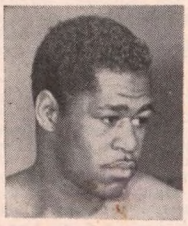
Right name is Genorace. Born in Pickensville, Ga. . . . Now lives in Elizabeth, N. J. . . . 25 years old. He was a top amateur and service fighter before turning pro in 1955. . . . Has a younger brother, Eddie, a top welter prospect. . . . Turned in an impressive win over Charley Joseph in his last fight to gain a spot among the top ten middleweights. . . . Stablemate of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson. . . . Is a fast, aggressive boxer with an effective style. . . . Undefeated in 14 fights. . . . Has won over Eddie Thompson, Randy Sandy, Reybon Stubbs, Rudy Sawyer, Otis Woodard, Andy Figaro.

JIMMY BEECHAM

Rough, tough middleweight from Miami, Florida. . . . Born in Philadelphia, Pa., had a fine amateur record before turning pro as a welterweight in 1953. . . . Moved to sun-kissed state in 1955 and quickly jumped into main bouts as he won first 12 in a row before being stopped by Charley Joseph. . . . A busy boxer, he is very popular with the fans in the West Indies where he has fought many times. . . . He has won 22 of 30 bouts, including wins over Holly Mims, Hector Constance, Willie Vaughn, Sugar Boy Nando, Bobby Lane, Jimmy Peters, Luther Rawlings and Ismael Espana. . . . 24 years old. . . . A durable fighter.

JESSE BOWDRY

Power-punching teen-ager from St. Louis, Mo. . . . Has gained a place among the top ten light heavyweights. . . . Hits hard with either hand and has shown good boxing ability. Defeated Clarence Hinnant in first TV showing in impressive fashion. . . . Has hung up 18 kayos in winning 22 of 24 fights. . . . Both loses to Sonny Ray whom he defeated once. . . . Has scored 8 straight wins. . . . Holds kayos over Bobby Lane, Clarence Floyd, Ted Poole, George Kartalian, Bobby Gordon. . . . Was a top amateur before joining pro ranks. . . . 11 of his kayos have come in the first two rounds.



HAROLD CARTER

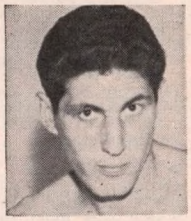
Twenty-four-old, Linden, N. J. heavyweight. . . . Was rated number three contender before going into army in 1957. . . . Defeated Willi Besmanoff in first bout on comeback to regain a spot in top ten. . . . A strong, aggressive body belter. . . . Is a Sunday school teacher. . . . Was an outstanding amateur before joining pro ranks in 1953, winning over a dozen titles, including national 175 lb. Golden Glove crown . . . . Has lost but 2 of 26 fights. . . . Kayoed Joey Rowan, Bob Satterfield, Ike Thomas. . . . Defeated Wayne Bethea, Julio Mederos, Bob Baker, Johnny Summerlin, Young Jack Johnson, Joe Lindsay. . . . Reversed both losses. . . . Proprietor of restaurant and soda shop.

DAVE CHARNLEY

British lightweight champion. . . . Ranked among the top five in the world. . . . Hopes to visit America before the end of the year. . . . Born and still lives in London, England. . . . Was a national amateur champion in 1954 before turning pro. . . . A southpaw who can box and punch. . . . Has won 30 of 34 fights, including 17 kayos. . . . Has kayoed European welterweight champion Peter Waterman, Johnny Gonsalves, Pat McCoy. . . . Defeated Don Jordan, Joe Lucy, Joe Lopes, Sammy McCarthy. . . . Won British title in 1957 by beating Lucy. . . . 22 years old, 5 foot, 7 inches tall.

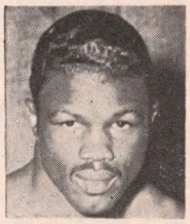
MICKEY CRAWFORD

Clever fast punching Irish youngster from Saginaw, Mich. . . . 24 years old. . . . A talented artist. . . . Recently gained a place among the top ten welterweights with his triumph over Gil Turner. . . . Single. . . . Good looking, blond hair, blue eyes. . . . Holds wins over two former world champions, Paddy DeMarco and Wallace (Bud) Smith. . . . Also defeated Chico Vejar, Tex Gonzales, Pat Lowry, Yvon Turenne, Chuck Taylor, Alan Kennedy. . . . Only loss in last 17 was to Ralph Dupas. . . . Is a swift-moving boxer with a fast pair of hands. . . . Has shown ring craftsmenship far above limited experience. . . . 22 wins in 24 fights. . . . Can go a long way.



MIKE DEJOHN

Big, strong, power puncher. . . . Youngest of the fighting DeJohn clan. . . . Born and still lives in Syracuse, N. Y. with his wife and family of two year old twins, a boy and girl. . . . 26 years old. . . . Started boxing as a pro in 1951. . . . Won first 16 in a row, 13 by kayos, of which 7 were in the first round. . . . Has scored 25 kayos, in winning 35 of 40 fights. . . . 16 one round kayos. . . . Hit the spotlight with one round kayo of Alex Miteff. . . . Lost thriller to Nino Valdes. . . . Beat Bob Baker. . . . 6 foot 2 inches tall, 205 pounds. . . . Is a good boxer for a big man and has a fine left jab as well as a powerful right.



GARNETT (SUGAR) HART

One of the top welterweight contenders. . . . 22 years old, five foot 11 inches tall. . . . A fast, sharp hitter whose victories over Larry Baker and Charlie (Tombstone) Smith moved him into the spotlight. . . . Started fighting as an amateur when he was 15. . . . Won the National AAU lightweight and welterweight titles in 1954. . . . Won his first eight pro fights by kayos, and scored 18 kayos in winning 20 of his first 21. . . . A favorite of TV fans . . . . Has kayoed Hector Constance, Barry Allison, Willie Stevenson, Earl Dennis and drew with Charlie Cotton and Gil Turner. Has been seen on TV a dozen times. . . . Scored 20 knockouts in winning 25 of 30 bouts. . . . His moves are styled after Sugar Ray Robinson.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

INGEMAR JOHANSSON

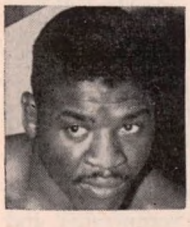
European heavyweight champion. . . . Born in Sweden, 25 years ago, still makes his home in Gothenburg. . . . Lost in finals of Olympic championships on disqualification to Ed Sanders. . . . Fought in U. S. as an amateur in 1951. . . . Is undefeated since turning pro. . . . 18 straight wins. . . . Has kayoed Joe Erskine, Franco Cavicchi, Henry Cooper, Hein Ten Hoff. . . . Defeated Archie McBride, Joe Bygraves, Hans Friedrich. . . . Is a good boxer, fast for a big man. . . . Won European crown in 1956 and has defended it twice. . . . A good looking 6 footer, an idol of Scandinavian sport fans . . . . A rugged, action fighter.

GALE KERWIN

Clever, fast-punching Canadian junior welterweight. . . . Born in Ottawa, Canada 23 years ago. . . . Married and now living in Valley Stream, L. I. . . . Began amateur career in Canada. . . . Made pro debut in 1954. . . . Has turned in 27 wins in 34 fights. . . . Holds wins over Jimmy Archer, Stefan Redl, Rocky Randall, Dave Dupas, Brian Kelly, Tony DiBiase. . . . Lost in close bouts to Carlos Ortiz and Johnny Busso. . . . A fine boxer with a fast left and sharp right cross. . . . Is rated a comer by boxing experts. . . . Has done most of his campaigning in New York, Florida and Canada.

EDDIE LYNCH

Popular, fast-rising young welterweight from New York's West Side. . . . A good boxer with a fast left hand. . . . He has a loud and large group of rooters who fill the arena with flying pigeons when he wins. . . . 23 years old. . . . Recently married. . . . Started pro career in 1954, won 9 in a row before suffering one of the two losses. . . . Has won 15 out of 17 contests. . . . A real crowd-pleaser, he upset Jimmy Archer in his last fight. . . . He also bested Pat O'Brien and Yvon Turenne and drew with Peter Schmidt. . . . Is rated a prospect among the youngsters in his division.



HOLLY MIMS

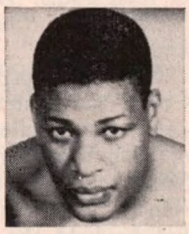
Veteran crowd-pleaser from Washington, D. C., who has made a successful comeback with his recent victory over Spider Webb, again gaining a place in the top ten. . . . A clever, durable boxer, he has never been knocked out. . . . 29 years old. . . . Began pro career in 1948 as a welterweight and has won 43 of 65 bouts with 6 draws. . . . Has a fine left hand, and is a sharp sneak right hand puncher. . . . Has kayoed Willie Troy, Georgie Johnson, Jose Basora. . . . Defeated Jimmy Beecham, Charlie Green, Bobby Lee, Bobby Jones, Johnny Bratton, Milo Savage and drew with Bobby Dykes and Bobby Boyd. . . . Has been seen on TV 12 times. . . . Lost close non-title fight to Ray Robinson.

STEFAN REDL

Tough, durable, young welterweight comer. . . . Born 25 years ago in Hungary. . . . Spent most of his life in Germany. . . . Came to this country two years ago. . . . Recently discharged from the U. S. Army. . . . Has taken out citizenship papers. . . . Was one of Europe's top amateurs, winning over 100 bouts. . . . Now lives in Passaic, N. J. . . . A stiff body belter. . . . Won 17 straight before losing a split decision to Gale Kerwin. . . . Recently won New Jersey state title. . . . Has scored 13 kayos in winning 19 of 20. . . . Holds wins over Charlie Cummings, Johnny DiGilio, Frankie Ippolito and former lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco.

BOBBY SCANLON

"Irish Bobby" is a baby faced boxer-puncher from San Francisco, California. . . . Born in Buffalo, N. Y. 22 years ago. . . . A student at San Francisco City College. . . . Undefeated in 29 fights, with one draw. . . . A clever boxer who can also hit. He has stopped 10 of his foes . . . Made an impressive national TV debut in his last fight by whipping Bobby Rogers. . . . Holds wins over former world champions Lauro Salas and Wallace (Bud) Smith, the latter by a 10 round kayo. . . . One of the brightest new faces in the 135 pound class. . . . Also has defeated Pete Kawala, Luke Easter, Dave Gallardo, Al Tisi.



NINO VALDES

Veteran Cuban heavyweight contender, whose 9 wins in 10 fights has moved him back into the spotlight. . . . Loss was to Alex Miteff on a split decision in a bloody brawl. . . . Kayoed Johnny Summerlin in his last fight. . . . A big, powerful puncher, he has scored 31 kayos while winning 44 out of 61 fights. . . . Has kayoed Joe Erskine, Tommy Jackson, Dick Richardson, Don Cockell, Heinz Neuhaus. . . . Defeated Ezzard Charles, John Holman, Wayne Bethea, Mike DeJohn. . . . 33 years old. . . . Fighting as a pro since 1941. . . . Very popular in Europe where he has defeated many of the top men.

WILLIE VAUGHN

Durable, crowd-pleasing, middleweight contender. . . . Born in Chandler, Texas, 25 years ago. . . . Now making his home in Hollywood, California. . . . Began boxing as a pro in 1951. . . . Is the present California state champion. . . . Was involved in the no-decision bout with Joey Giardello, when referee's wrong scoring cost Willie an upset victory. . . . A strong body puncher he has won over Charlie Green, Jimmy Beecham, Earl Turner, Al Williams, Chebo Hernandez, Tiger Jones, Charley Joseph, Moses Ward, Garth Panter. . . . Drew with Milo Savage and Bobby Jones. . . . Has lost 18 of 60 bouts. . . . Has been seen on national TV many times and is a popular performer.

FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTERS

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come a world champion were he active today.

Jimmy Dime, erudite fight manager from Delaware was enroute to Australia with his star lightweight, Babe Picato. In California, Jimmy decided to stay over for a short time and he told Picato, *"we'll catch the next boat out, in the meantime we can pick up a little change. You're going to meet a sailor boy, called off one of those ships,"* he told Picato as he pointed out to the Bay.

Well, mates, that sailor boy was Battling Frankie Kirk, known as the "Mare Island Thunderbolt." Boy, he could fight! What a clout he possessed. He was a tireless, hard punching, distance fighter and what a shellacking he gave Picato that evening.

Dime was amazed! He couldn't understand what had happened, but Babe knew—he had received a terriffic lacing.

Only one lightweight defeated Kirk and even in that one, it was a lucky blow that turned the trick. Kirk walked into one in the first few seconds of the opening round. He laid the gloves aside after that and returned to the Navy to serve in World War One as a fireman on the destroyer "Ringgold."

That one punch win over Kirk was scored by a great lightweight. He had to be to do that to the "Mare Island Thunderbolt." His name was Benny Leonard.

In Vallejo, California, Kirk died about two years ago. He had boxed an eight round bout when he was 64 years old, probably the oldest main event fighter in modern ring history. For that battle he weighed in at 134 pounds. The Navy will always have a soft spot for Battling Kirk.

Boxing in California had been reduced to four round bouts after scandals and ring fatalities had aroused public sentiment against the sport but James J. Coffroth and Uncle Bill Carey, the leading coast promoters, decided to carry on even if they had to stage their contests elsewhere. Coffroth, one of the four greatest of all time in our country—Rickard, Mike Jacobs, and Carey being the others, went down to Tia Juana to open up the Bull Ring and stage long distance contests. He had Chicago Jack White and sought an opponent for him.

He chose a little blond sailor named Charles J. Orcher, a Polish-American kid from Chicago who was the short distance star of the U.S.S. "Cleveland" track team. Short distance was his forte in track meets but in boxing he liked the long distance and the longer, the better he enjoyed it. He had taken the measure of quite a few good boxers who were well ahead on points in the early rounds but who folded as the fight progressed.

Under a broiling, blistering sun in Tia Juana he and White went at it while several thousand gobs and officers cheered for him and victory. For twenty-five rounds White was ahead, but the game little gob, known to his mates as Sailor Heinie Orchard, never stopped crowding. In the thirty-ninth round White asked, *"What do I need to stop you? A meat axe"?*

In round forty, White stepped into a right hand counter punch and pitched forward on his face for the full count. Orchard's comment as the referee held up his hand was, *"I'm glad that's over. I was getting hungry in there."*

Orchard, a cracking good Gunner's Mate, also had a fine reputation as a deep sea diver. He went down deeper than most of them could. A veteran of World War One, he gave up his life in a diving suit when something went wrong with his air supply.

On the U.S.S. "Cleveland," the ship's barber was Sailor Grande, a native of Italy. He took up boxing in the Atlantic Fleet where he became the Fleet's middleweight champion. When he was discharged, he took up pro boxing in California where he became a star. Short and dumpy in stature, but long on heart and courage and weighing at his best about 155 pounds, Grande went the limit with Big Harry Wills. He stopped Willie Meehan, who later shaded Jack Dempsey in one of several of their bouts. He also defeated Tom McMahon who had defeated Jess Willard.

Grande stopped Walter Coffey after Coffey had beaten Meehan. In Philadelphia the Sailor boxed rousing no-decision bouts with Jack Dillon. The Sailor fought in three classes, middleweight, light heavy and heavyweight, but he held the Pacific Coast crown after he had gained it from Sailor Petroskey in Oakland.

In a return bout Petroskey, a baker by rating, stopped Grande. Following that contest, both sailors continued to box professionally against top opposition. Petroskey was known as Sailor Ed, the "Blond Baker Boy." Like several other good Navy boxers, both were born too soon to get into the big TV money and modern gates. Grande, following retirement, became a doorman at a New York night club.

Fans who wanted to see an almost physically perfect fighting machine had one in a little Filipino, Cirilo Cacho. He served as a mess attendant on the U.S.S. "Henderson" also on the presidential yacht, "Mayflower." He had class even as a messboy or he would not have been waiting on The President of the United States on the "Mayflower." He boxed under the name of Dencio.

A main event boxer in Washington and New York clubs, in Baltimore and in eastern Canadian cities, Dencio defeated among other good talent, Vince Carbone, Black Bill and Jockey Joe Dillon. Writers in Washington dubbed him the "Tiny Bronze Panther." He was tiny all right, a fact that finally caused him to give up boxing. He did just about everything to gain weight, but at his best he couldn't get beyond the 92 pounds mark. He later became a dining car steward on one of the midwestern railroads. He possessed every asset of a great fighter, but weight.

That great sports writer, Damon Runyon, was impressed by a light heavyweight sailor he had seen for the first time in Iceland and later on several occasions on the West Coast. Upon the sailor's discharge, Runyon became very much interested in him and was instrumental in obtaining some lucrative matches for the gob in New York, bouts he won against Jack De Mave and Floyd Johnson.

Runyon's sailor was Eddie Huffman. He went along fine, kept progressing until he met Jack Sharkey. This bout, as in the case of Gunboat Smith and Frank Moran, found two good former Navy men facing each other with Sharkey gaining the decision. Jack had outclassed his opponent and this aroused suspicion in the mind of General Phelan of the New York Athletic Commission who thought that Sharkey could have stopped his man and wanted to know why he didn't try harder.

"Sharkey, you could have knocked out Huffman, I don't think you tried hard to win that way. Why not?" asked Phelan.

"I beat him, didn't I," was his reply. *"We're Navy shipmates. Is there anything in the rules book that says I must knock out my opponent,"* he asked.

"No, there isn't. But when you can do it, it should be done," snapped back the General who headed the New York State Board.

One of Navy's most popular Fleet champions was Sailor Ernie Schaaf who while in the service, was trained by Phil Schlossberg of whom you've already heard in a previous chapter. When Ernie got out of the Navy, for a time he was managed by Phil and later by Jack Sharkey and Johnny Buckley. They were priming him for a title fight when he was pitted against Max Baer in Chicago and took a severe beating. He was hospitalized for some time then came East where he recuperated and resumed his boxing.

He was pitted against Primo Carnera as already has been told and suffered a fatality. Some said the concussion he had suffered in his Chicago bout had brought about the second collapse while others gave it as an opinion that a long siege of the flu was responsible. What-

ever the cause—the coroner's report in New York simply referred to it as "death from a brain hemorrhage caused by a concussion." Scribes and patrons in the Garden booed him as a quitter as he was carried out to the hospital on a stretcher. Little did they realize that the Grim Reaper was waiting nearby and that a few hours later he would be dead!

The Fleet knew Ernie. The men in the Navy knew he was no quitter and they came to his support in no uncertain terms. Fate ruled that he must go, and no amount of Navy support could help him. Had he not been injured, he would have been a heavy choice to win the world heavyweight crown or at least come close to being the top contender.

The U.S.S. "Rhode Island" had a star lightweight boxer in the person of Larry J. Prendergast. The Fleet cleaned up on side bets when he stopped Hawaii's champion Billy Hul Hul in Honolulu. Larry had the distinction of winning the A.A.U. National championship. His professional ring name was Billy Shevlin, brother of World War I Navy welterweight king, Eddie Shevlin of Boston. Billy, like his famed brother, was a clever boxer and a sharp hitter. He was an excellent jabber and a fine lad at countering.

The U.S.S. "Arkansas", had an excellent welterweight in L. L. Rowland. He turned pro and used the ring name of Eddie Roberts. Eddie, it will be recalled won one of boxing's greatest upset victories when Joe Dundee of Baltimore, managed by Max Waxman, stopped off in San Francisco to tackle Roberts. Max figured this one an easy set-up for Dundee but sailor Eddie shortly after the bell got the fight under way, shot across a right hander that dropped Joe like a log and the fight was over. In a return bout in New York Roberts was defeated in ten rounds after which Dundee went on to win the world crown from Pete Latzo.

Philadelphia had many fine Navy boxing prospects, two of the best being Sammy Robideau, a lightweight, and Jack Stone, a light heavyweight. They were just short of championship calibre.

In 1912 on the U.S.S. "Independence," there reported from the Asiatic station Sergeant Morton J. Lewis, a peach of a middleweight, called "Chief" by his mates in the Far East where he was the champion of the Fleet. He was a full-blooded Indian. When he reached San Francisco, he was paired for his first fight with Lew Sims.

Paddy Ryan and I were in charge of him and we conceived a brilliant idea. *"Let's dress him up in Indian clothes and announce him as the first real American Injun to fight for Uncle Sam in the Navy,"* said Paddy.

"We got an Indian suit, feathers and what goes with Indian dress but when Lewis learned our plans he objected.

"You're going to make me look ridiculous in that outfit," he said. *"If you insist, then let me get my native wear from my home. I'm the son of a Cheyenne chief, you know and I have a complete outfit."*

To this we agreed and on the night of the fight, Lewis put up a fine performance and he received rousing cheers. He won his fight with as beautiful a left hook as I've ever seen and when the fight was over, Marion T. Salazar, Sports Editor of the San Francisco Bulletin commented:

"Heinie Miller and Paddy Ryan ran in a real Cheyenne Indian on us last night. No doubt about this Marine being a real Injun but he never learned that beauty of a left hook in a tepee".

Lewis, a terrific hitter, probably would have gone places in boxing had not the war broken out. But he did go places elsewhere. Fighting with the Fifth Marines, of which the brother of the Editor of The Ring Magazine was an officer, he gave his life for his country at the battle of Bois de Belleau.

Ring readers will note that in this series I have not gone into any mentioning of top notch service men who joined the armed forces and taught boxing after already having made the grade as professionals, such as Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard, Packey McFarland, Mike and Tom Gibbons, Augie Ratner, Jeff Smith, Barney Ross among many others. They did noble service but did not develop in the Navy or Marines. The service makes no claim for having helped develop such, but one or two stories regarding them is in order.

In World War Two, one of the petty officers whose job it was to assign new recruits to special duty, pulled up in front of a lad at the Great Lakes Naval Station and remarked:

"What's your name?"

"Anthony F. Zaleski sir," replied the recruit with a snappy salute.

"Ever do anything athletic?", queried the P.O.

"I boxed a little," answered the sailor.

"Boxed, eh?", closed the P.O. *"Fine. We've got Tony Zale coming up here some time today. He'll teach you something or beat your brains out in trying."*

Did the Petty Officer's face get red when he learned that Anthony F. Zaleskie was Tony Zale, world champion middleweight!

With this I close a series which I hope will keep the deeds of the U. S. navy's fighting men well up in the archives of Fistiana.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

The State Fairgrounds racing oval outdoors was the scene, Nino Valdez the culprit, and Johnny Summerlin the victim. A short, but timely left hook spelled finis for the once prominent Detroit heavyweight at 2:01 of the fifth round. Although it was a series of punches that put big John down for the full count, it was the left hook that started all the trouble and bothered the localite throughout the bout.

Up until the knockout the bout was close and Summerlin showed considerable determination. However, it was quite obvious that Valdez was the boss and at 209 pounds had a twenty pound weight advantage and proved far too strong for his speedier opponent.

The bout did not fare so well from a promotional viewpoint as only 1,975 fans turned out to pay a net gate of $4,200. This sum fell way short of the necessary break-even point for promoter C. W. "Larry" Smith. If Smith threw in the towel nobody could blame him as his losses have been tremendous.

One of the reasons why the preliminary ranks are bare today is the way some of younger inexperienced but promising youngsters are pushed. A typical example is Bill Pickett, a hard punching Detroiter. Pickett who had stirred interest with his punching power, was senselessly overmatched against Ernie Cabb, 215, New York, in the six round semi-final. Cabb took everything Pickett, 197, had to offer and came on strong hurting his opponent several times. While Picket has the color to arise interest, this potential must be cultivated in order to develop. As of now all has gone for naught.

Ossie Groom, 202½, Detroit, returned to the ways after a period of inactivity and stopped Abbie Olds, 197, Cleveland, at 2:47 of the first round. Irish Billy Collins, 145, Nashville, Tenn., halted James Miller, 149½, Saginaw, at 1:03 of the fourth round. Jimmy Wright, 178½, Saginaw, outfumbled Allan Hedges, 177¼, Dearborn, in four; and Enoch Mapp, 130, Detroit, stopped Pablo Caripedes, 123, Dayton, Ohio, at 2:27 of the third.

Henry Hank traveled to Chicago where he halted the red hot Rudy Ellis in the fourth round. Ellis had been beating everything in sight, however, ran into a tartar when he met Jim Bowlin's hard punching charge.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr J. A. Vieites

HAVANA. Antonio (Puppy) Garcia, 128, looked in excellent form when he won one and each of the ten rounds in his bout with Mexican Ernesto Figueroa, 128¼, who was in a bad way a couple of times.

Promising Johnny Sarduy, 118¾, won a very good and fast eighter from Eloy Sanchez, also from Mexico, 117¾ pounds.

Veteran Victor Recio, 120, a capable fighter, fought a "draw", also in eight with newcomer Felix Gutierrez, 119¼.

Sal Hernandez, 144½, won in six from Julian Yanes, 143. Jose Oliva, 117, stopped Luis Reguerra, 114¾, in 3.

▶HAVANA: Cuba's Jr. welterweight champion, Alberto Bisbe, 138, stopped challenger Alberto (Taco-Taco) Robinson, 132, in the 7. Former lightweight king, veteran Baby Cochet, 139, was held to a surprising 10 round draw by newcomer Wilfredo Hurst, 138. Sal Fuentes, 154½, stopped Felix Samada, 151, in the 3rd. Pedro Napoles, 139, won in 6 from Antonio M. Villegas, 142. Al Pearson, 182¾, won in 4 from Hilario Sabas, 177½.

▶HAVANA: Cuban flyweight champion, Oscar Suarez, coming in at 116½, fought one of the best fights of his life (He didn't have to come in this time at the flyweight limit), when he completely outclassed, outmaneuvered and outpunched Mexican Memo Diez, 121, in 10 rounds. Suarez who won all ten rounds had the former No. 1 flyweight contender twice at the verge of the k.o. but the visitor's courage, and his holding tactics prevented the fatal ending.

This was their third bout with one draw and two victories for the local 24 year-old boy who will fight as a bantam in the future.

Florentino Fernandez, 138¾, stopped Ray Estepa, a Porto Rican from Miami Beach, 132, in the 2nd.

Benjamin Rodriguez, 119¼, won in six from Jose Oliva, 116½. Rafael Correa, 112¼, stopped Erundino Lopez, 115¾, in 2. Pastor Marrero, 127¼, drew in 4 with Armando Castillo, 125¾.

▶HAVANA: Miguel Lazu, 118¼, lost a very close tenner to Mexican Chuy Rodriguez, 115, who was a bloody mess at the end, but fought a very gallant fight.

Newcomer Enrique (Kike) Casanovas, 119½, upset veteran (Baby) Victor Recio, 119½, also, in eight rds. The kid won easily.

Doug Vaillant, 129½, stopped Orlando Oms, 125, in one.

Urtimio Ramos, 126, stopped Humberto de la Rosa, same weight, in the 4th.

And, Felix Zaldivar, 133¾, drew in 4 with Manuel Machado, 136 pounds.

THE MAT WORLD

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El Medico, state heavyweight champion, and Otto Kuss, a former Indiana University grappler under Billy Thom, battle it out in a match that was finally stopped by Referee Madman Tony Morelli to prevent blood-soaked Kuss from further injury. The match was brought about by Promoter Sigel after Medico challenged Kuss, a known Houston referee, to a showdown because of words hurled at Kuss by Medico after the Medico-Thesz bout that went to the International champion.

Oyama Kato, 210, Okinawa, defeated Col. Stu Gibson, 230, Louisville, Ky., Madman Martin, 230, trounced Larry Chene, 215, Detroit, Mich., Ali Bey, 225, Egypt, handed a shellacking to Rip Rogers, 230, Chicago, Ill., while popular Johnny Valentine, 230, Columbus, O., and Pierre LaSalle, 225, Montreal, Canada, went to a stalemate in a sepctacular semifinal attraction.

WRESTLING IN THE SOUTHWEST
BY PEG COLWELL

The Rocky Mountain region has a new king . . . Cyclone Anaya. Living up to his name, he dethroned Danny (Bulldog) Pleches to take the belt. Anaya won the first fall with his famed abdominal stretch. A rolling body lock and press secured the 2nd for Plechas. The judges ruled Anaya the winner when time ran out.

Kurt Von Poppenheim, who was injured a few weeks ago in an auto accident, is back on the active list again. He had the required 2 of 3 falls and the match over Bob Elliott, but when he insisted on overtime activities in the ring, Referee Ben Sherman, disqualified him and gave Elliott the match. The team of Von Poppenheim and Hans Schultz against Juan Garcia and Cyclone Anaya went to a rough and tumble draw.

Newest sensation to hit this area in some time is handsome Dino Bravo of Undine, Italy. Standing 6 foot 6 inches, weighing 250, the 23 year old is gaining fans rapidly with his colorful style. A drop kick and a back breaker cinched the two falls for a win over veteran John Swenski.

From Hawaii, the "Prince Charming" of the Mat World, in the person of Mark Tendler, comes word that he is training with Hawaiian Champion, Al Lolatai. Mark writes that he has turned down a lucrative movie contract and will stick to wrestling. While he has been stationed in Hawaii with the Armed Forces, he has been wrestling in Honolulu and the Islands of Hilo and Maui and working out with any wrestler that steps foot on the Island.

In Denver . . . Han Schmidt was victorious when Bob Elliott couldn't cope with the veteran "villain." Dino Bravo came out on top over Danny Pleches . . . via disqualification. . . . Jack Claybourne and Paul DeGalles went to a draw.

Texas also has a new Heavyweight Champion. El Medico is once again the proud owner of the Texas belt. Johnny Valentino has his bid in . . . he wants the belt back. . . . Valentino and Enrique Torres went to an hour draw . . . no fall match. . . . Valentino challenged Lou Thesz for the International World Wrestling Championship but Thesz is still the champion. . . . Disabling two referees spelled DOOM for the judo, sumo and Karate expert, the "Great Kato" who was disqualified in a wild match with Enrique Torres.

WEST OF BROADWAY
WITH JOE DIEHL

One of the top matches in the Mid-West during the month of May was the set-to involving Verne Gagne, and Edouard Carpentier of France.

The bout took place at the International Amphitheatre, the huge all-purpose plant, just a "steer's-stench" from Chicago's Stock Yards on the Southside.

Gagne and Carpentier had a fall apiece when Gagne clamped a sleeper hold on his French rival. In a tussle along the ropes, the pair fell from the ring and both were counted out.

A new prospect in the Chicagoland territory is 20-year-old Bob Kappel who has been in pro action for four months. . . . Another popular performer in the Windy City area is Gypsy Joe, who approaches the ringside as an entry with his wife, who, attired in gypsy clothes, remains in a nearby corner to coach and advise him in her distinctive and colorful fashion.

Farmer Marlin, Bobby Managoff and Jackie Nichols captured the featured tag team match of Boris and Nicoli Volkoff and Ivan the Terrible in Marigold Arena, Chicago. Angelo Poffo beat Billy Goelz; Don Cortez beat Johnny Gilbert; Bronco Lubich beat Bob Kappel, and Zack Malkov defeated Ike Sipich.

WRESTLING WRINKLES: With the advent of the summer months, several clubs in downstate IIllinois will inaugurate outdoor shows. . . . Grappler-thespian Tiger Joe Marsh, who appeared with the road company of "Tea-House Of the August Moon" a few seasons ago, has thumbed down a chance to play the same role in summer stock along the Chicagoland barn-yard trail. The Tiger is still available for mat work.

FROM OUR READERS

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With such real wrestlers at Pat O'Connor, Verne Gagne, Billy Darnell, Argentine Rocca, Ricky Starr and many others, I am mystified as to how Ring Magazine selected Varga. The recognized governing body in the wrestling world is National Wrestling Alliance, and they recognized Lou Thesz at the time you made your award.

This is the first time Varga has agreed to a match with a real wrestler. Up to now, Varga has declined to risk his belt except with push-overs. He has called such men as Pepper Gomez, (who beat Thesz in Texas), as not proven worthy of a bout for his belt.

George O. Manley
Santa Monica, Calif.

■ **Ed. Note:** The Ring belt awarded to Billy Vargas was for his winning of the Hawaiian championship and we have nothing to do whatsoever with his claims to the American title.

THE NAVY LOG

Dear Nat:

No account of boxing in the Naval service would be complete without reference to the late Captain Jack Kennedy.

As a youngster in the early 1900's, Jack was rated as the best lightheavy afloat. He came up from the ranks to reach the rank of four stripe captain. In his later years, while a lieutenant and lieutenant-commander, Kennedy refereed many professional bouts on shore, particularly in Los Angeles, including several world championship matches. After each round Kennedy would point to one corner or the other thus keeping the fans posted as to who had won the round just concluded. On shipboard Kennedy usually took care of additional duty as athletic officer. His ship, the U. S. S. Mississippi, repeatedly won "The Iron Man," the highly prized statuette emblematic of general fleet athletic supremacy. Kennedy, the father of eight children, was a very religious man. He passed on a few years ago.

Jack was from Allentown, Pa., home of many so-called Pennsylvania "Dutch." He was matched to box a lad from Reading, Pa., also the home of Pennsylvania "Dutch." The Reading guy was billed as Tommy Monohan. "This ought to be a Donnybrook," said Kennedy, "A Monohan versus a Kennedy."

"When Monohan got into the ring," Kennedy recalled, "I noticed that we could have passed for twin brothers. I might as well have been looking into a mirror.

"Except," Jack concluded, "when we squared off, two big red faced, red headed guys, this Monohan puts his dukes up and challenges, "Komm du rother, willst du fechten?" (Come on Red, do you want to fight?).

Best Wishes.

Col. Harvey L. Miller
Mt. Vernon Park, Va.

HEAVYWEIGHT HOPEFULS

By LEW ESKIN

NEW FACES in any division that show promise of developing into top attractions and first class fighters always create interest, doubly so when they are heavyweights.

A trio of hopefuls who have caught the fancy of the fans in their localities are Charley (Sonny) Liston, of St. Louis, Mo., George Chuvalo, of Toronto, Canada and Roque Maravilla of Nampa, Idaho.

Liston, who was born twenty five years ago in Little Rock, Ark., is one of five children. "Sonny" moved with his family to St. Louis while a teenager and soon got his start in amateur boxing. He soon showed marked ability and won a number of AAU and Golden Glove titles, including the Inter-City championship in 1953, when he defeated Julius Griffin. Sonny also beat Ed Sanders, 1952 Olympic champion, when both were simon-pures.

Turning pro in 1953 he moved into the main bout class with a pair of wins over Johnny Summerlin. Then he suffered his only loss when crafty light heavyweight Marty Marshall outfoxed him. Two fights later, Liston gained revenge by handing Marty a sound drubbing and stopping him in six rounds. He closed out 1955 with kayoes over Emil Brtko, Cal Butler, Johnny Gray and Larry Watson.

Liston had only one fight in 1956, turning back Marshall. Then was unable to get any more fights. He was too good for the run of the mill battlers and the top names did not want to fight a dangerous unknown.

Sonny saw no action in 1957, but he was not discouraged. He stayed in the gym, and kept in top condition. This year he joined the stable of Eddie Yawitz who manages Virgil Akins, and Eddie got him back in action. Liston started off with a kayo over Bill Hunter, then stopped veteran Ben Wise, something Eddie Machen couldn't do. He followed that up with a decision over Bert Whitehurst. In his most recent start, he made his TV debut in impressive fashion, halting the veteran Julio Mederos. This triumph gained him recognition in boxing. Possessor of a powerful left hook, this 6 ft. 1 in., 205 pounder has boxing skill to go with his hitting power. His over all record shows nine knockouts in winning eighteen out of nineteen.

Chuvalo, a six foot, 208 pounder is only twenty years old. As an amateur he had eighteen fights and won them all, taking the Canadian AAU crown. In 1956 he scored four kayos in less than twelve minutes to win a Jack Dempsey New Talent tournament in Toronto.

Shortly afterward, in his pro debut, he took a ten round verdict over the experienced South African champion Johnny Arthur. George followed with a two round kayo over Joey Evans. Then he was matched with another experienced fighter Howard King, of Reno, Nevada. King proved too ringwise and won the duke after eight rounds. However in his most recent fight Chuvalo got hunk by flattening King in only two rounds.

Following the loss to King, George ran off six in a row, whipping Bob Biehler, and kayoing Sid Russell, Walter Hafer, Moses Graham, Emil Brtko and Joe Olson. Big Bob Baker, the veteran heavyweight contender was young George's next foe. Bob had too much know-how for George, and took a unanimous ten round decision, although George closed strong and had Baker on the verge of a knockout in the eighth round.

"I learned plenty in that fight," Chuvalo said, *"and I know I will beat him if I get another chance."*

The impressive kayo of King has earned him the shot at ranking heavy Alex Miteff.

Before gaining the revenge kayo over King, Chuvalo defeated the Cuban journeyman Julio Mederos in fine style.

George wants to fight for the British Empire title. This

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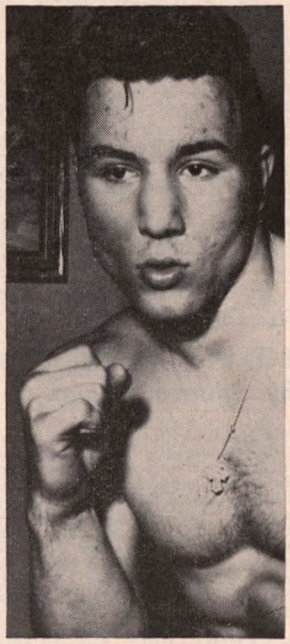
Charley (Sonny) Liston, powerful ex-amateur star who gained a spot in the ratings with his impressive kayo over Julio Mederos. Sonny, formerly of St. Louis, is now living in Philadelphia.



Roque Maravilla (above), fast rising young 180 pounder from Nampa, Idaho, a good boxer-puncher. George Chuvalo (below), Toronto's fistic pride, whose draw with Alex Miteff proved his merits.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

Outside of an international match between Davey Moore and Roberto Garcia and a local match between Joe Medel and Jose Luis Mora, local promotors only offered second-rate fights throughout May. All results were as follows:

Ramon Hernandez, 159, decisioned Alfonso Flores, 155, national middleweight champion, in a ten-round match which was not for the title. Enrique Castillo, 128, decisioned Cocoliso Estrada, 126, in ten. Benny Rodriguez, 135, stopped Humberto Vilchis, 135, in one. Ramon Delgado, 133, decisioned Roberto Gonzalez, 137, in six. Arthur Salazar, 124, stopped Julio Martinez, 122, in four.

▶Chiquis Rosales, 118, stopped Manuel Rouriguez, 119, in six. Carlos Loyola, 135, stopped Chuy Waldo, 134, in six. Tibico Torres, 115, decisioned Papelero Rodriguez, 118, in eight. Memo Balderas, 121, stopped Manolo Rivas, 121, in one. Chino Castelan, 123, decisioned Ray Montero, 123, in four.

▶Indio Conde, 134, decisioned David Camacho, 131, in ten. Chucho Hernandez, 114, stopped Zurdo Arce, 113, in 7; Jorge Ortiz, 125, stopped Zurdo Mexicaltzingo, 125, in four. Ray Martinez, 135, stopped Amado Gomez, 138, in two. Gorilon Villafuerte, 114, drew with Jose Luis Dominguez, 112, in four.

▶Chiquis Rosales, 118, decisioned Tuntun Porres, 116, in ten. Carlos Loyola, 136, stopped Sergio Contreras, 135, in six. Juan Ramirez, 126, stopped Isidro Barranco, 126, in seven. Pichon Reyes, 147, stopped Hector Cruz, 144, in three. Margarito Sanchez, 117, stopped Jaime Villanueva, 118, in three.

▶In the El Toreo bullring at Cuatro Caminos, State of Mexico, Davey Moore, 128, number one featherweight in THE RING's ranking, decisioned local boy Roberto "Mono" Garcia, 128, in ten. In the semifinal, Joe Becerra, 118, stopped Charlie De Bow, 118, in three. Bobby Cdrvantes, 126, stopped Lalo Camarena, 126, in six.

▶Joe Medel, 118, decisioned Jose Luis Mora, 119, in ten. Luis Trejo, 127, stopped Tony Alamillo, 128, in two. Nacho Dominguez, 127, decisioned Nacho Rosales, 126, in eight. Alfonso Palma, 109, decisioned Pulgarcito Gutierrez, 112, in six. Babe Siki, 111, stopped Bernardino Martinez, 106, in one.

▶Fidel Lucero, 134, stopped Beto Gonzalez, 134, in one. Leo Hernandez, 126, stopped Gabriel Herrera, 127, in seven. Tibico Torres, 115, decisioned Gustavo Sosa, 121, in eight. Juan Ibares, 119, decisioned Chucho Rico, 118, in six. Juan Hernandez, 117, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 114, in four.

▶Enrique Castillo, 132, stopped Indio Conde, 130, in five. Gabriel Navarro, 130, decisioned Luis Trejo, 127, in ten. Benny Rodriguez, 134, stopped Babe Zaragoza, 134, in two. Victor Adame, 125, stopped Tony Arizmendi, 126, in two. Luis Sansores, 117, decisioned Margarito Ibanez, 118, in four.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

MERIDA, YUC: Carlos "Baby" Ortiz, 128, climbed another rung up the ladder of popularity when he scored a seven-round KO over Jaime Toscano, 126, of Mexico City, at Carta Blanca Arena in the first program of this season. In the ten-round semi, Negrito Medina, 125, had an easy time with Ray Mancilla, 128, of Mexico City, scoring a TKO in the fifth roll; Chico Escalante, 126, looked good when he stopped Jose Maria Castillo, 123, in 4 rounds; Fermin Delgado, 112,, put Adolfo May, 110, to sleep in two.

▶MERIDA, YUC: Negrito Medina, 125, defeated Jaime Toscano, 126, after 10 rounds; Medina visited the canvas in the seventh round and the fans booed the verdict. In other tenner, Negrito Alcala, 132, scored a 3-round knockout over Luis Trujeque, 129; Manuel Tolosa, 106, outboxed Baby Escalante (not Chico), 108, in six; Elmer Escalante (How many "Escalante" names we have) 108, bested Pedro Aguilar, 106, in four.

▶MERIDA, YUC: The handsome blonde Carlos "Baby" Ortiz, 130, chalked up his second kayo of this season in stopping Salvador Beberaje (Pantera de Champoton), 131, in seven rounds, a match which was for the vacant Lightweight Championship of the Peninsula of Yucatan; Negrito Alcala, 133, and Agustin Argaez, 132, boxed a draw in 10 good rounds; Luis Quijano, 123, bested Kiko Santana, 126, in six; Jose Maria Castillo, 126, scored a 2nd round TKO over Carlos Bates, 122.

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BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Manuel Prieto

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 123, Chihuahua City, looked very good winning by decision over Eduardo Santos (Eddie Saint), 122½, Juarez, in the top eight rounder on the card. Hernandez decked Santos in the fourth with a two-fisted attack.

Jack Flores, 146½, El Paso, won by K.O. in the second round over Joe Alfero, 144, Tucson. Marcelino Vargas, 138, El Paso, won a very unpopular decision over Jimmy Reece, 137, Tucson.

In the four rounders, Al Melendez, 140, Juarez, won by K.O. in the first over Jose Luis Dominguez, 138, Chihuahua City, and Al Cintron, 144, El Paso, won by decision over Baby Mauro, 145, Mexico City.

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: LUIS SANCHEZ, FORMER CHIHUAHUA CITY boy, now fighting out of Juarez, Mex., scored an impressive victory over experienced Babe Navarro, 124½, Zacatecas, in the top ten rounder.

Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 123½, Chihuahua City, won handily over Nacho Paredes, 122½, Mexico City, in the co-ten rounder.

In the fours, Jose Luis Dominguez, 138, Chihuahua, and Jesus Lopez, 137, Juarez, draw, in four good rounds. Leon Lopez, 133, Juarez, and Emilio Medina, 133½, Juarez, draw, in four rounds. Veteran Sal Fierro, 127, Juarez, scored the decision over Sammy Andrade, 128, Juarez.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

PLAZA DE TOROS, TORREON:—JOHNNY ABUSAID AND JOE MEDINA, PROMOTERS OF THE TORREON BULLFIGHT Circus, put around 9,000 fans into their large arena to see Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 132, sweep the canvas with Felipe Sosa. Sosa, 133, went down 3 times before taking the 10-second kayo sleep. The affair finished in six rounds.

The Torreon Official Boxing Commission ordered that fight as a gift to the fans due to that the previous one between same men was frowned on by the commission. So, the 9,000 fans had a real compensation. A "gratis" one in fact.

In the 6-round semi, Chamaco Rodriguez, 120, decisioned Vicente Flores, 124. Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 127, kid brother of Fidel, stopped Vicente Nuno, 130, in the second round.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:—Sergio Gomez, 134, got a very booed 10-round duke from Hector Garcia, 129. Lazaro Labastida, 146, nailed his right upper cut into Octavio Salas' solar plexus to send the 142-pounder to sleep in the fifth. Luis Gonzalez, 111, looking great, iced Oscar Salazar, 113, in two rounds. Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 128, stopped Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 128, in three. David Luna, 120, bested Kid Charol (Alfonso Flores), 121, in the 4-rounder prelim.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Tiburcio "Tibico" Torres, 115, easily decisioned gallant Juanito Mendoza, 118, in ten bloody rounds. Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 129, stopped Hector Ramirez, 129, in the third. Roman Rodriguez, 120, whipped Juan Figueroa, 117, in eight. Jorge Gonzalez, 124, stopped Pedro Salazar, 118, in two rounds. Jose "Yunque" Padilla, 129, bested Enrique Galvan, 130, in four.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, Gomez Palacio:—Promoter Manuel "The Bear" Mateos staged a very popular card with 8 bouts scheduled as 4-rounders. Facundo Martinez, 119, decisioned Serapio "Sapito" Jimenez, 119; Luis Gonzalez, 110, knocked out Sergio Rodriguez, 115, in three; Tony Martinez, 141, bested Luis Vazquez, 145; Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 128, stopped Jesus Herrera, 128, in two; Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 121, outpointed David Luna, 119; Evelio Tinoco, 141, iced Julio Garcia, 139, in two; Claro Macias, 128, bested Indio Mares, 128; Agustin Salinas, 119, outscored Salvador Guerrero, 117.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreon:—Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 120, stopped Rafael Sotelo, 117, in nine rounds. Raul Olmos, 115, started as a 10-rounder, outpointed Enrique Alvarez, 115. Panchito Saldivar, 109, bested Jorge "Baby" Salazar, 116, in ten. Jorge Gonzalez, 121, nailed little Sergio Ruiz, 110, in the first round. Sergio "Chino" Salinas, 120, halted Eduardo Nunez, 119, in the third.

▶MONTERREY: — Jesse Bogart (Jesus Rangel), 146, was too rough and too clever for Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 145, and he got a very valuable 10-round duke.

▶MONTERREY:—Silvestre Villarreal, 131, stopped Julio Gallegos, 135, in only two rounds.

▶GUAYMAS:—Rudy Corona, 123, floored Chamaco Guzman, 126, four times and he finally sent his man to sleep in eight rounds. Tony Lopez Smith, 138, battered Camilo Flores, later pushed him out from the ring for a 10-minute collapse and finally, in the sixth round, the officials decreed the disqualification for the cute Smith.

▶OBREGON:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 118, surprised the gang beating hard favorite Rudy Corona, 120, in ten fast rounds. The Cute Boy, Tony Lopez Smith, 139, stopped Jorge Chavez, 138, in four. Camilo Flores, 144, iced Tony Salcedo, 150, also in four rounds.

▶REYNOSA:—David Rodriguez, 129, decisioned veteran Oscar Torres, 125, in ten rolls.

▶DURANGO:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 145, iced Marcelo Vargas, 146, in three rounds. Hector Garcia, 128, decisioned Juanene Garcia, 126, in ten. Cain Rogero, 124, bested David Becerril, 123, in other tener. The defeated one visited the canvas for three times.

▶CHIHUAHUA:—Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 136, outscored Raul Anchondo, 135, in ten. Both boys visited the canvas: Zorrito one time and Anchondo twice.

▶ACAPULCO:—Tobe Penaloza, 147, bested Chalio Duran, 148, in ten. Memo Napoles, 150, handled Jose Hernandez, 152, in eight rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Antonio "Tony" Martinez, 118, defeated Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 119, in the 10-round main event.

▶CULIACAN:—Sergio Gomez, 135, Tapachula, bolted Gil Nolasco, 130, in the tenth after flooring him 6 times. No doubt about that this Gomez boy's hard punch!

▶MAZATLAN:—Alejo Mejia, 117, was too experienced for young Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 114, and he got the 10-round duke. Bernardo de la Cruz, 119, and Angel Coronado, 118, drew in the 10-round semi.

▶MEXICALI:—Raul Fuentes, 135, and Abe Haynes, 138, drew after ten furious rounds. Ignacio Pina, 115, bested Baby Rios, 117, also in ten. Kid Zacatecas, 160, halted Javier Sanchez, 154, in the seventh. Felipe Payan, iced Panchito Duran, 125, in the very first round.

▶REYNOSA:—Baby Alonso, 127, stopped veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galvan, 125, in two rounds. Chico Reyes, 125, stopped Miguel Juarez, 127, in eight rounds.

▶GUAYMAS:—Arnoldo Gil, 145, put the red light to Leo Corrales, 145, in the sixth. Paolino Nunez, 125, outscored Manny Linson, 124, in ten.

▶TIJUANA:—Don Jordan, 137, former California lightweight champ and now neighbored at Tijuana, embalmed Kid Centella, 135, Nicaragua, in only two rounds. A right hook to the plexus followed by a left hook to the chin were enough for the Nicaragua man. After his triumph, Don Jordan publicly challenged Gaspar "Indio" Ortega for a future Tijuana "meeting". In the 10-round semi, Jorge "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 126, decisioned Panchito Espinosa, 127, Maxico City.

▶MATAMOROS:—Raul Leanos, 117, the husky brother of Old Juan, stopped Rafael Sotelo, 118, in five rounds.

▶MONTERREY: — Hector Esqueda, 131, bolted Ubaldo Lopez, 130, in three. Salvador Bernal, 133, collapsed Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 132, in the fourth. Ernesto Villa, 124, stopped Chico Martinez, 125, in three.

▶OBREGON:—The Sonoro Proud, mustached and blonde Arnoldo Gil or Arnold Hill, 145, flashed out rough Jesse Bogart, 146, in only two rounds.

▶CULIACAN:—Guillermo "Memo" Gonzalez, 120, and Gulichi Iriarte, 124, drew after ten fast rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Surprise, surprise! A hard one in a fact for everybody! Unknown Willie Parker, 119, scored a 9-round TKO over high ranked Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 118. After this disaster, maybe Toluco had learned a lesson about physical condition. Carlos Arregui, 136, bested Valentin Rangel, 138, in ten. Saul Becerril, 114, iced Carlos Olivares, 117, in the sixth. Memo Vega, 120, halted Heriberto Saucedo, 119, also in six rounds.

▶REYNOSA:—Battling Torres, 127, hooked his left on Chucho Mejia's jaw to send the Monterrey feather to sleep in the sixth round.

▶MATAMOROS:—Hector Esqueda, 133, defeated Kid Aztequita, 128, in ten rounds.

▶CUERNAVACA: — Emilio Olivares, 123, halted Chato Ramirez, 126, in five rounds. Memo Santillan, 125, nailed Luis Rodriguez, 127, in the third.

▶SAN LUIS POTOSI:—Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 125, had a real picnic in the ring with Vidal Gomez, 124. The son of famous Ricardo Manzanillo Sr, former National Bantamweight Champ, finished his job in three rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Panchito Villa II, 123, bested Chico Reyes, 120, in ten. Nicho Gonzalez, 117, demolished Charro Martinez, 118, in five rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Pedro Rocha, 125, landed a terrific right cross to the chin and sent Efrain Quintana, 123, to the kayo death for more or less 20 minutes. Eleazar Gonzalez, 117, destroyed Martin Ortiz, 116, in four rounds.
▶AGUASSALIENTES:—Jose "Babe" Gonzalez, 127, floored Roberto Pinon, 132, and comfortably got a 10-round triumph. Panchito Silva, 125, decisioned Chico Martinez, 126, in the other tener.
▶CAMARGO:—Nacho Paredes, 119, had to work very hard to decision Fancy Dancer Tono Ortiz, 121, in ten fast rounds.
▶MEXICALI:—Don Jordan, 145, took the weight handicap and easily handled Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 154, in ten rounds. The Californian visited the canvas two times but he got up each time to teach his foe a boxing lesson. Ignacio Pina, 115, halted veteran Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 118, in five.
▶MAZATLAN:—Enrique Castillo, 130, kayoed Luis Espinosa, 131, in two rounds. Momito Luna, 121, stopped Javier Gabino, 111, in seven. Pitoloco Flores, 118, bested Carlos Romero, 120, in eight.
▶CUERNAVACA:—Rafael Comacho, 133, nailed Samuel Coronel, 133, in the third. Raton Vargas, 123, knocked out Guillermo "Memo" Santillan, 125, in the very first round. Gallito Vega, 111, stopped Chamaco Aguirre, 115, in two rounds.
▶ACAPULCO:—Arnoldo Gil, 145, demolished Tobe Penaloza, 143, in 8 rounds.
▶MONTERREY: — Angel Guerrero, 128, nailed Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 130, in seven rounds.
▶OBREGON:—Kid Zacatecas, 160, halted veteran Kid Hermosillo, 159, in six rounds to convince him that he better keep away from the ring.
▶SAN LUIS POTOSI:—Cubanito Torres, 119, won by disqualification over Delfino Martinez, 117, in eight rounds.
▶CUERNAVACA:—Pichon Reyes, 145, embalmed Memo Napoles, 149, in only two rounds.
▶ACAPULCO:—Al Urbina, 133, won a decision over Juanito Martinez, 135, in ten. Marcelino Gomez, 119, stopped Zurdo Mexicaltzingo, 123, in the sixth.
▶OBREGON:—Rudy Corona, 119, bested Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 117, in ten rounds. The victor floored his foe two times.
▶MONTERREY:—Jesse Bogart, 147, decisioned Chalio Duran, 150, in ten rounds. Miguel Ulloa, 117, whipped Arturo Vazquez, 119, also in a tener.

BOXING IN VENEZUELA
By William Albert

(PALACIO DE DEPORTES.) — CARLOS MIRANDA, 113, OF ARGENTINA, ranked 9th in Ring Magazine had a promising debut here; he kayoed Nicolas scanio, 113, of Venezuela in seven.

Angel Amaya, 128, halted Eduardo (Mono) Rodriguez, 126½, in four. Francisco Merlo outpointed Rafael Padrino in six. (Lightweights) Ciro Fuentes and Angel Urbina drew in four rounds (Featherweights). Rafael Salazar lost in four rounds with Rafael Rodriguez.

▶Caracas—In The Nuevo Circo, Vicente Rivas, 135, Venezuelan champ, scored his most important triumph this year, defeating Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, 135½, in ten.

Baby Linares, 150, of Cuba, and also middleweight king, won a rematch with Evello Rios, 151, in ten rounds. Vicente Matute, 134, halted Luis Castaneda, 135, of Colombia, in 8. Modesto Maduro, 128, defeated Enrique Mitchel in six. Nelson Estrada, 113, won over Felipe Blanco, 112, in four. Motilon Rivero and Antonio Blanco drew in four. (Lightweight). Armando Bragano, 130, of Cuba stopped Armando Torres, 132, in 3 rounds.

▶Caracas—Before a crowd that paid $7,500 in The Nuevo Circo, Victor Sonny Leon, featherweight champion, outpointed Orlando Castillo (Gallito del Ring) 126, in ten rounds. The local was most powerful in the 9th and 10th, winning the unanimous verdict.

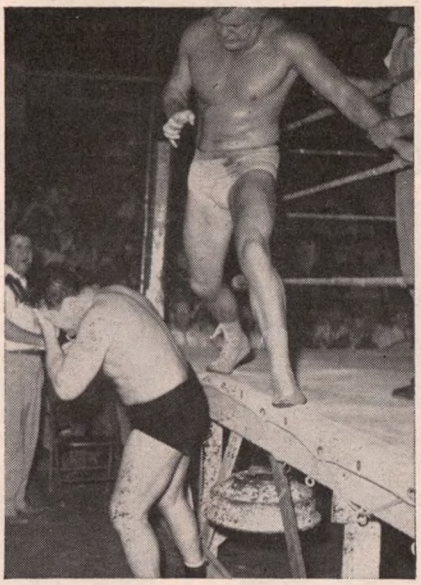
Argentinian Andres Selpa, Suramerican champion, continued his spectacular row of knockouts, kayoing Raul Tovar, in 2:16 of first round. Cesar Orta (Chivo Negro) 135, defeated Gumersindo Rasgoy, 132, of Argentina in 10 rounds. Epifanio (Tonny) Padron, our most promising featherweight now, scored a split eight rounds decision over veteran Gonsalo Andueza, 128. Luis Castaneda and Armando Torres drew in six (lightweights).

CARACAS: SONNY LEON, FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMP, scored an important triumph for second time over Mexican Victor Manuel Quijano in ten rounds.

Roberto (Mono) Garcia, Mexico, 135, halted Guillermo (Chicharrita) Medina in eight.

▶Maracaibo City: In a card promoted by Antonio Balzan in The Nuevo Circo of Maracaibo, Babby Linares, 150, Cuba, kayoed Evello Rios, 150, Venezuelan champ, in seven. The winner outboxed his opponent in the

▶Caracas: Before a record crowd that paid early rounds, and demonstrated most power.



Stu Gibson covers his face in pain. Johnny Valentine kicked him in the face as Stu was trying to get back into the ring after Johnny tossed him out during their Texas match which was won by Valentine.

Armando Bragano of Cuba kayoed Venezuelan Francisco Barraez in 4.

$200,000 in the Nuevo Circo, Pascual Perez, III, world flyweight champion, retained his title defeating Ramon Arias, 112, national champ, in fifteen rounds. The Argentinian was dropped in the second round and suffered a dangerous cut eye.

Our champion demonstrated best boxing and courage, but the experience of Perez was important in the match. Contralmirante Wolfgan Larrazabal Ugeto, Presidente de la Junta de Gobierno, and another important member, were at ringside to see the sensational match.

Andres Selpa, 152, of Argentina, champion of South America, kayoed our welterweight champ. Ismael Espana, in 1:56 of the first round. Cesar (Chivo Negro) Orta outpointed Guillermo (Chicharrita) Medina in ten rounds. (They are lightweights.) Tonny Padron, 128, continued undefeated, winning for 9th time, now over valiant Angel Amaya in 8. Padron scored last year five victories in U.S.A.

Vicente Espinoza, 130, a good prospect, also continued undefeated in 8 fights, defeating Armando Torres in eight.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES. — ROBERTO CASTRO, ARGENTINE BANTAM CHAMPION, lost his title to Ernesto Miranda in 12 rounds.—The verdict was not unanimous, for the fight was very disputed.

▶CORDOBA.—In the ring of the "Cordoba Sport Club", Manuel Alvarez ex-feather Argentine champion, stopped Jose Minan, in eight.

▶JUNIN.—The welterweight Panamanian-Argentine, Frederick Thompson, kayoed Enrique Mansilla in eight in the ring of "Club Ciclista Juninense".

▶BAHIA BIANCA.—The good middleweight prospect Oscar Rojas kayoed Santiago Meza in the second round.

▶MAR DEL PLATA.—The Argentine and Southamerican champion in the feather division, Ricardo Gonzalez (Gonzalito), stopped Anibal Servin in two. Good receipts for this city: $35,000.

▶ROSARIO.—The undefeated prospect in the feather division, Santos Simili, kayoed Isidro Pesoa, in six.

▶TUCUMAN. — Lightheavyweight Jovito Arregui kayoed Miguel Paz, in six. Pedro Miranda, featherweight, kayoed Osvaldo Vargas in two and Ubaldo Sacco drew in 10 rounds with Pedro Reynoso.—Sacco was to the canvas in 4th round without count.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—The undefeated flyweight Carlos Rodriguez won the decision in 10 rounds over Ricardo Valdez; Antonio Nigri, middleweight, kayoed Ramon Leal in three and Salustiano Suarez, bantamweight, kayoed German Escudero, in six.

▶MAR DEL PLATA.—At the "Bristol" of this city, Mario Lopiano drew in 10 rounds with Vicente Panzani in the light division.

▶RIO CUARTO.—Vicente Vezzoni champion of Cordoba, kayoed Luis Diaz, in four. These fighters are feathers.

▶NECOCHEA.—The Argentino prospect in the heavy division, Jose Georgetti, kayoed Juan Carlos Banegas, in four.

▶LA PLATA.—Middleweight Oscar Schiavelli kayoed Julio Caminos, in the first round.

▶ROSARIO.—In the ring of "Norte" Stadium, Alfredo Bunetta, ex-feather champion of Argentina, lost on points in 10 rounds, to Aldo Gamboa.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—In the ring of Luna Park, the Argentine and Southamerican champion in the welter division, Martiniano Pereyra kayoed his "challenger" Adalberto Ochoa, in twelve rounds. A gross receipt: 776.61 pesos, Martiniano earned 210,000 pesos and Ochoa 140,000 pesos.

▶ROSARIO.—The champion of this city in the lightheavy division Nelson Poccioni, lost his undefeated title to Ramon Perello.

▶BAHIA BLANCA.—In a match for the local lightweight championship Antonio Murano won the title over Hector Quijada in 10 rounds. The verdict was not unanimous. A good receipt for this country; 32,110 pesos.

▶LA PLATA.—The "challenger" of Martiniano Pereyra in the welter division, Jorge J. Fernandez, won on points in 10 rounds over Francisco Ciucoi.

▶COMODORO RIVADAVIA.—In the ring of the "Sociedad Rural", the middleweight Oscar Rojas stopped Juan Carlos Zalazar in six rounds.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—Juan Gasparrini, lightweight, won on points in ten rounds over Osvaldo Amburri and Alberto Jabit, in the welter division, decisioned Oscar Paez, in ten. Receipts: 28,500 pesos.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—Pedro Miranda, a good boy in the feather division, won in 10 rounds over Amorindo Amicuzzi.—Receipts: 67,240 pesos in the Luna Park ring.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—The spectacular matches in the ring of Luna Park. In the first bout, the undefeated middleweight Antonio Nigri, kayoed another undefeated fighter, Hugo Medina in the third.—Nigri was dropped to the canvas in first and second rounds. The good prospect in the welter division, Miguel Angel Aguero, kayoed Roque Otero in four. Receipts: 30,756 pesos.

▶PERGAMINO.—In the "Provincial" ring of this city, Angel Cuello stopped Carlos Rovira, in eight.

▶CORDOBA.—The feather champion of this city, Vicente Vezzoni, drew with Amorindo Amicuzzi in ten rounds.

▶MAR DEL PLATA.—The hard puncher Eduardo Lausse, ex-Argentine and Southamerican champion in the middle division, kayoed in first round the Italian Sixto Tiselli. A gross receipt: 93,600 pesos.

▶TUCUMAN.—Another knockout for Jovito Arregui. He kayoed Aurelio Diaz in five. Arregui is a good prospect for the vacant lightheavyweight title of Argentina.

▶RIO CUARTO. — Angel Olivieri, in the lightweight division, won on points in 10 rounds over Victorio Cejas.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—In his 6th fight with Alfredo Bunetta, Ricardo Gonzalez, Argentine and Southamerican champion in the feather division, won the decision in 10 rounds. One judge voted for Bunetta and the other two for Gonzalez.—A good receipt: 399,180 pesos.

▶CORDOBA.—In the ring of "Cordoba Sport Club", Tristan Falfan, lightweight, was stopped in the first by Transito Villagra and the lightweight champion of Argentina, Jaime Gine, kayoed Rafael Azuaga, in one round.

▶NECOCHEA.—Another kayo for the undefeated heavyweight, Jose Georgetti.—His victim was Miguel Diaz, in the first round.

▶SAN NICOLAS.—The Panamenian-Argentine welterweight, Frederick Thompson, stopped Miguel Salteno, in six.

▶PERGAMINO.—Jorge J. Fernandez, welterweight, halted Enrique Mansilla, in three. Fernandez was to the canvas in the third, for five seconds.

▶BUENOS AIRES.—Eduardo Lausse kayoed Ubaldo Sacco in the first, a middleweight bout. A gross receipt: 558,655 pesos.

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PATTERSON vs HARRIS; IBC PLANS

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"We find a new contender for Archie Moore's light heavyweight title in Jess Bowdry.

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BARRETT SUCCEEDS BROWN AS THE IBC MATCHMAKER

"In short, the IBC has a wealth of boxers with whom to work out its plans, and if D'Amato prefers to linger in the manger, that's maybe his business. Maybe not," Gibson concluded.

Gibson and Markson are proceeding with a new IBC matchmaker, Jack Barrett. Billy Brown some time ago resigned, obviously because he had been getting too much attention in the investigation of boxing by District Attorney Hogan of New York County.

Barrett is a hard worker, a veteran in the game, a man with a good reputation who is thoroughly alive to his new responsibilities. He knows all about the job, as he was Brown's assistant.

Barrett is a native New Yorker, 55 years of age and, in appearance, scarcely over 40. He knows what hard work is and he also knows that his job calls for plenty of it.

While still in grade school, Barrett worked at his father's news stand, which was open 24 hours a day, the only all night stand in the big city.

Barrett started his boxing career as an amateur in the old Union Settlement in New York's Harlem. Soon he became a pro and boxed around New York and Connecticut.

Championship material Jack certainly was not, and he was wise enough to realize it. So he stopped throwing leather and became a talent finder, a trainer, a manager.

In time he became associated with the financial backing of a lot of smaller clubs in the Metropolitan area, as far East as Springfield, Mass.

Barrett put money into the Coliseum, Jerome Stadium, Eastern Parkway, Star Casino, and New Haven and Springfield club.

He managed Al Roth, Harry Balsamo, Chester Ricco, Pete Kennedy, and George Henry.

Barrett moved into the Garden offices of IBC in 1952 and has been there ever since.

It may be that with Barrett running the matchmaking department, cognizant of the faults of the Brown regime, which conceivably traced to policy rather than personal shortcomings, there will be wider opportunities for more boxers.

Perhaps the change from Brown to Barrett will open the door to a pact between the IBC and D'Amato.

CANADIAN AMATEUR WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
BY EDDIE OLYNUK

Vancouver was the scene of the combined Canadian Amateur Wrestling championships and the British Empire Games trials. Of the winners only Ossmu Tamura of Vancouver, the bantamweight title holder, will not make the trip to Cardiff, Wales, to participate in the Games. The classy bantam, a recent Japanese immigrant, is not yet a Canadian citizen and consequently ineligible to participate. No opponent lasted the full 12 minutes with Tamura as he piled up an impressive string of victories. He won by default over Branko Georgijedik of Edmonton who was unable to compete because of a strained stomach muscle.

Fred Flannery, Vancouver, former Australian flyweight champ and 1954 B.E.G. silver medalist for that country, again won flyweight honors, registering four falls in five matches. Heavyweight honors went to Jake Costello of Winnipeg. In Costello's match with Keith Maltman of Quesnel, B. C., Maltman was originally announced as the winner, but the decision was changed to a draw after protests to officials by Costello's manager.

Results in the light heavyweight division: Bob Steckle of Kitchener, Ontario, pinned Jerry Bomba, Winnipeg; George Rainitz, Montreal, a decision over Jerry Bomba, Winnipeg; Bob Steckle, Kitchener, pinned Rod Carrow, Toronto, at 2:32.

Results in the heavyweight division: Jake Costello, Winnipeg, decisioned Otto Kudaja, Vancouver; Keith Maltman, Quesnel, B. C., won by decision from Nanjo Singh, Calgary; Jake Costello, Winnipeg, decision over Nanjo Singh, Calgary; Otto Kudaja, Vancouver, wrestled to a draw with Keith Maltman, Quesnel; Jake Costello drew with Keith Maltman.

Champions in each division as picked on a point basis by three judges are as follows: Flyweight–Fred Flannery, Vancouver. Bantamweight – Osamu Tamura, Vancouver. Featherweight – Ralph Casperson, Vancouver. Lightweight–Matti Jutila, Sudbury, Ontario. Middleweight–Kurt Boese, Kitchener, Ont. Middleweight – James Runzer, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Light Heavyweight – George Reinitz, Montreal. Heavyweight–Jake Costello, Winnipeg. hard hitting Canadian who has won ten of his dozen bouts, seven by kayos, might well turn the trick when given

HEAVYWEIGHT HOPEFULS

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the opportunity.

Maravilla, born in Nampa, Ida., twenty-one years ago is the baby of a family of nine. His mother died when he was only two weeks old and his two sisters reared him.

All of his six brothers were fine athletes and Roque was a top football guard in high school. He also boxed on the school team, winning over forty bouts. While still in high school he entered the Golden Gloves and twice won the Idaho state middleweight title. He was undefeated in seventeen bouts.

During his freshman year at Boise Junior College, Roque injured his knee playing football and after an operation he was told to forget about the gridiron. He turned to boxing and in June, 1955 launched his drive for pay.

Roque ran off ten straight wins, seven by kayos, before he suffered a TKO. at the hands of Carlton Lincoln, whom he had defeated, and since has kayoed. Following the Lincoln loss, he put together another streak of twelve in a row before dropping a decision to the experienced Howard King. Since the King fight Maravilla has had seven fights, winning six and boxing a draw.

The draw was with the veteran Bill Lanza, and they were rematched for twenty rounds. This time Roque went right to work and handed Lanza a sound drubbing before stopping him in six heats, thus not giving the fans the looked-for marathon bout.

In his most recent fight Maravilla turned in a good win over California state light heavyweight champion Cal Brad.

A six footer who weighs 180, Roque is a fast puncher with either hand. His manager, Al Berro, feels that he is ready to step out against the top men. A good drawing card in Boise, Roque hopes that some top names can be brought in to face him this summer.

In winning twenty-nine of thirty-two, Roque has scored seventeen kayos and boasts victories over Andy Walker, Dick Lane, Roger Wiley, Wilson Hanabil, Harley Breshears, Benny Flake, Benny Walker, and Charlie Crump.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

AT THE SWINGSTERS SQUARE GARDEN, Promoter Steffanie's fight card was action packed from beginning to end. Even the exhibition bout between world flyweight champion Pascual Perez and contender Carlos Miranda was a pleasure to watch.

The scheduled 10 round main event between the middleweight champion of Venezuela, Evelio Rios, and Antillean middleweight contender, Kid Fenton, was won by Fenton on a split decision.

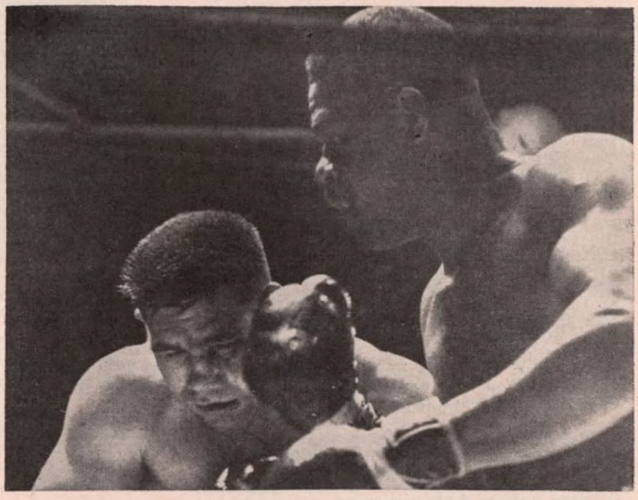
In the scheduled 8-round semi-final, Ramon Gomez, a good looking Argentine youngster, shellacked the Santa Cruz bulldozer, Efi Croes, to win a unanimous decision.

In a scheduled 6-rounder, Enrique Mitchell, Maracaibo, proved too strong and experienced for young Johnny Gumbs, Aruba, and won a majority decision.

In the opening 4-rounder, Young Joe, Aruba, easily defeated Kid Webster, Aruba, by unanimous decision.

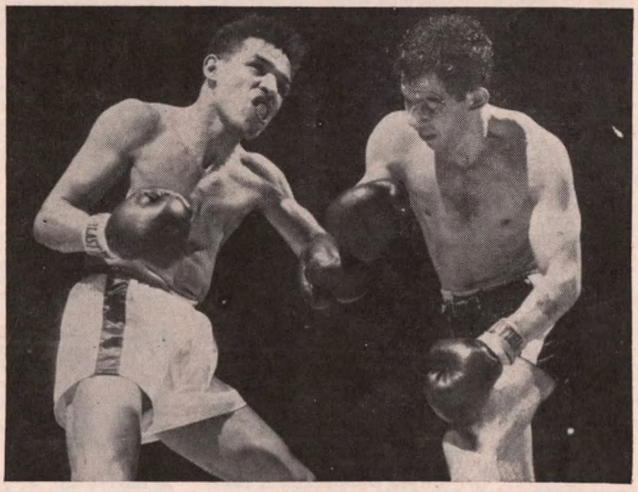
FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Yvon Durelle (left), Canadian light heavyweight, and Germinal Ballarin of France tangled in a ten round bout at Montreal, Canada, Durelle winning the decision.

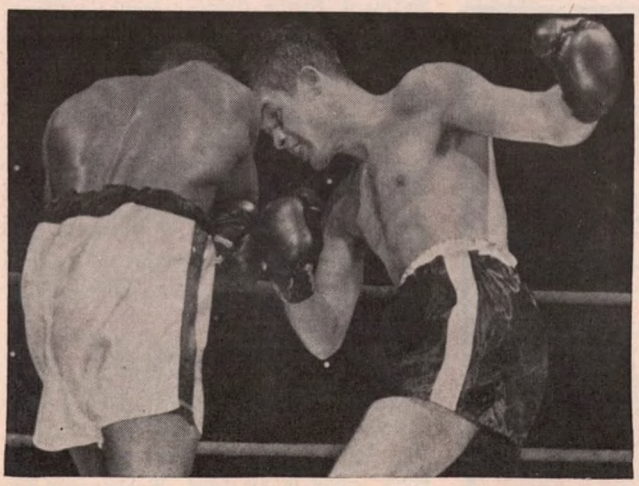


Harold Carter (right), of Linden, N. J., high-ranking heavyweight prior to his hitch in the army, returned to action at Madison Square Garden and beat Germany's Willi Besmanoff in ten rounder.

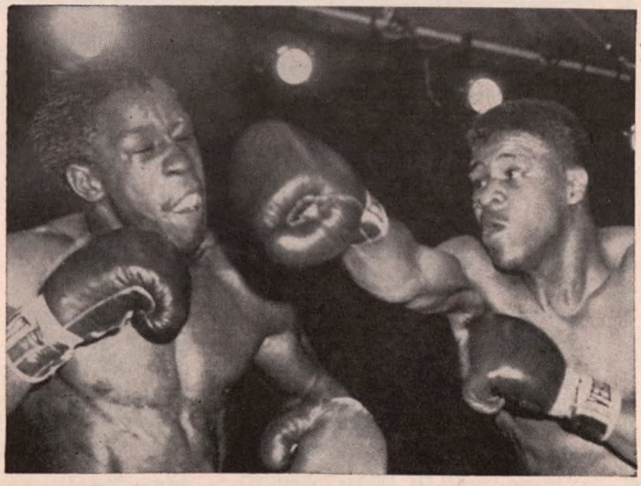
Willie Pep (left), former world featherweight champion, toyed with Bobby Singleton at Mechanics Building, Boston, winning unanimous ten round decision. Pep is on way to all-time record for victories.



Johnny Busso (right) follows through after connecting with hard right to head of Lahouari Godih of Algeria in lightweight ten rounder at Madison Square Garden. Busso won the unanimous decision.



Irish Bobby Rogers (right), now fighting out of San Francisco, loops a left towards Bobby Scanlon during bout at Chicago Stadium. Scanlon, who is making fine progress, won a unanimous decision.



Spider Webb (right) drives a hard right to the jaw of Jimmy Beecham during ten round bout at Miami Beach, Fla. The blow staggered Beecham but all Webb could eke out was a split decision.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THE merry month of May was characterized by some very odd happenings in German fight circles. That plaything of Destiny, Willi Hoepner, copped another zany gesture from Dame Fortune when he won back the European cruiser title on a foul from Calzavara of Italy. Willi did everything wrong and ran into bad weather, then regained mastery of the fight only to get his forehead split. Erich Schoppner, who has beaten both champ and challenger, is resting until next season. Stefan Redl made the journey from America to narrowly outscore Gerd Muller in a toe-to-toe affair, then packed his bags for the return trip. Gustav Scholz, ever prone to accidents, cracked a rib in training and his title-bout with Humez was again put back, this time to September. Hans Kalbfell, who has never repeated his brilliant showing against Neuhaus, was dethroned by Westphal and Joey Maxim took a licking from the judges at Mannheim, who declared him loser to raw Ulli Ritter.

▶ **Dortmund,** Germany. Often it happens that when two reputable punchers clash the public is treated to a waltzing exhibition. Each fighter is over-conscious of the potential striking power of his opponent. It was feared in many quarters that this might be the case when Gus Scholz collided with Max Resch with the former's middleweight title at stake. But both men lived up to their reputations and fought with commendable vigour. The Westfalen-Halle was clamorous with the shouts of the rival camps as Resch and Scholz entered the ring. This long-awaited clash between Germany's leading middles had drawn 12,000 fans to the arena and awakened nation-wide interest.

Those who expected sensation had not long to wait. Scholz opened hostilities with a crisp one-two, followed by a raking left hook which dropped the challenger. Resch soon regained his footing but the pattern for the fight had been set, despite the fact that in the next round it was Gus the Great who was caught unawares by a looping thunderbolt that just cut his legs from under him, it seemed. Scholz sagged to the canvas, badly hurt, but was up at "eight". He boxed carefully and Resch hung back, probably suspicious that his opponent was foxing. The bell sounded and in the third round Gus bounded out of his corner, fully recovered. He hit the Swabian with dazzling combinations of punches which completely bemused him and in this round Resch hit the deck no less than three times. In the fourth round, it was all Scholz and his flailing, jabbing, ripping blows rocked the challenger into a state of helplessness. Maxie went down four times in this round and it was at last evident to his manager that there was nothing left but to throw in the towel. Resch had given a magnificent show of courage but lacked the economy of style and directness of attack which allowed Scholz to dictate the battle. Gus was fresh when he left the ring, though it was known that he has suffered weight troubles and will soon be campaigning as a lightheavy.

On the rest of the card, Uwe Janssen ironed out a previous defeat by whipping the Dutch cruiser, Pedro Klyssen, over eight rounds and in another title bout, Willi Quattuor retained his national feathers crown when Joe Buck was disqualified in the eleventh round, for biting the champ in the shoulder! Manfred Hass whipped Horst Borzoskowski over six rounds and Erich Walter copped a lucky nod over Gerard Van Eyk over eight in a couple of middles bouts and Dieter Wemhoner outdistanced Horst Niche in a cruiser eight.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland. Maurice Auzel picked an easy one here when he disposed of Albert Muller in the fourth round of a welter bout.

▶ **Dijon,** France. Andre Oueille stopped Louis Luchetti in the fourth round of a middles clash here and at **Bourges,** Michel Francois regained the winning path by lacing Jean Debondant in a welter ten.

▶ Sensation in **Paris** when Gaston Mathieu halted Seraphin Ferrer in the ninth round of their welter clash at the Salle Wagram. For eight rounds Ferrer had had things more or less his own way but in the ninth Mathieu charged his foe with a barrage of punches. Ferrer weathered the storm but suddenly walked to his corner and gave up the fight.

▶ **Rome,** Italy. Ted "Farmer" Wright has certainly captured the imagination of the Italian fight public. His latest victory, over Bruno Visintin, points to his undoubted skill and it seems very likely that he will soon run out of opposition on this side of the Atlantic. On the same bill, Domenic Baccheschi stopped fragile Ottavio Panunzi in the seventh of a cruiser clash and Sergio Milan punched out a points win over Tony Borraccia in a feathers eight.

▶ At **Perugia,** Emilio Marconi decisioned the tough German welter, Gerd Muller, in a rugged ten-rounder.

▶ **Mansville,** France. Hector Bizon, Belgian lightie, put the skids under Tommy Smith in the seventh round of a good slam here but at **Auxi-le-Chateau** Edgard Delannoit of Beligum was beaten by Rene Brunet in a welter eight. At **Bastia,** on the isle of Corsica, Felix Chiocca whipped Ray Paini of Italy in a lightie ten.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain. Francisco Ortega, the new middles comer, proved that he had recovered from the recent points defeat by Dom Lopez when he outscored the national champion, Manolo Correa, in a good eight-rounder. Young Martin licked Stan Sobolak in a bantam ten. In **Madrid,** Garcia Hidalgo continued to progress by icing Nieto Sagrario in the second round of a cruiser slam.

▶ **Amsterdam,** Holland. Programs are getting less frequent in this city but if any fighter can rescue the sport it is Sugar Ray, dynamic little bantam who has yet to turn in a bad performance. He had previously drawn with Edgar Basel in Germany but in their return bout he whipped the German bantam by a fair margin. Max Heinze suffered defeat at the hands of Nelis Oostrum in a middles eight and Karl Wagner, another German, earned more than a draw against Jan De Vos, in a welter six. Charles Yates, American based in Germany, fought a draw with Theo Baars in a welter eight and Harko Kokmeyer edged nearer a shot at the Dutch title by beating Toon Schuurmans in another welter affair. Tiger Henri Sno iced Theun Brommer in the sixth heat of a middles dispute.

▶ **Mestre,** Italy. Ivan Tombolini won over Enrico Macale in a feathers eight here and muscular Plinio Scarabellin stopped Giulio Bianchi in the third of a cruiser affair. Rampin nodded Elio De Witt in a flyweight six. At **Ancona,** Gheri Frezghi was ruled out in the seventh round of his welter clash with Franco Pinto and at **Grosseto,** the Spaniard, Jose Gonzales, was defeated narrowly on points by Massimo Zanaboni, the local heavyweight, over ten rounds.

▶ **Lyons,** France. Sensation here when the highly-touted Andre Vairolatto was stopped in full career by rugged Rene Barriere in the ninth round of a torrid feathers duel. Pierre De Souza licked Rene Beolet in a bantam eight. At **Casablanca,** the new feathers star, Baiata, proved to be too tender for such foemen as Andre Valignat and lost out to the Parisian toughie after ten hard rounds. On the same bill, Rene Cerdan, nephew of the great Marcel, beat Marco Ranzo of Italy in a middles six and Louis Carrara lost to Montecatino in a lightie eight.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland. Epiphane Akono, the Senegalese lightie who fights almost exclusively in the Alpine Republic, returned to action with a solid points win over the Belgian, Jo Woussem, in ten.

▶ **Milan,** Italy. Without doubt one of the best feathers in the business is Sergio Capraria, a fighter whom even Hogan Bassey declined to meet. He defended his national title for the second time with great elan, edging out Aldo Pravisani in a whirling scrap which was nip and tuck for the whole twelve rounds. Santo Amonti impressed with his lightning knockout of Ray Mocques, belting the French cruiser mercilessly for six rounds before he retired while Paolo Melis won a drab welter eight from the Spaniard, Emilio Orozco. Annibale Omodei nodded Eddie Ptak in a lightie ten and Gerosa stiffened Bruno Burlovich in the sixth round of another lightweight scrap.

▶ **Lugo,** Italy. Bruno Ravaglia upset Nedo Stampi here, whipping the welter prospect over ten heats while Sguaita drew with Montanari in a flyweight six.

▶ At **Cagliari,** Piero Rollo evened the score with tough little Jose Luis Martinez by outscoring the swarthy Spaniard in close bantam ten while Fortunato Manca added another scalp to his belt by lacing Eugenio Cifuentes, Spanish welter, over eight rounds. Paolo Melis trimmed Franco Vescovi in a welter eight and Salvatore Boi was unlucky not to get more than a draw with Domingo Lopez in a middles eight.

▶ **Hamburg,** Germany. The King of Outsiders, Alex Buxton, was called upon to supply the acid test for Hanswerner Wohlers, fast-rising middles comer. The blond Hamburger tackled the Buxton problem in excellent style and gave critics to wonder whether he is not already a better fighter than Gustav Scholz. His timing was perfect, his generalship superb and although the British fighter played every trump in his hand, Wohlers had the answer. Only once, in the fourth round, was the Teuton caught napping. A crisp uppercut made him halt for a second but he soon shook off the effects and continued to carry the fight to Buxton, winding up a clear

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING JUNE 21, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
3. Willy Besmanoff (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Bruno Visintin (I)
4. Mino Bozzano (I)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
5. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Fortunato Manca (I)
6. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Ben Buker II (S)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	Yao Kouame (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Stefan Redl (G)
8. Mario De Persio (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Leen Jansen (H)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
9. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Dieter Wemhoner (G)	Francois Anewy (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
10. Ull Ritter (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Chris Christensen (D)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Laouri Godhi (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
3. Fred Galiana (S)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Jose Ogazon (S)
4. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Sugar Ray (H)
5. Felix Chiocca (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Eugene Le Cozanet (F)	Edgar Basel (G)
6. Piet v. Klaveren (H)	Giordano Campari (I)	Pentti Hamalainen (FN)	Francisco Carreno (S)
7. Fernand Nollet (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Jean Guerrard (F)
8. Epiphane Akono (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
9. Guy Gracia (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Ben Ali (S)
10. Annibale Omodei (I)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Antonio Diaz (S)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

winner over ten rounds. Manfred Neuke, 134, was extremely lucky to cop a draw after eight sessions against Bob Marcel of Belgium while Harry Kurschat, 135, stopped another Fleming, Adolf Meskens, in round two. Ossi Buttner, 202, outfumbled Louis Debolster, Belgium, in a crude eight and Helmut Mistol, 151, stopped ringworn Edgard Delannoit in the second stanza.

▶ **Marseilles,** France. With Cherif Hamia gently fading into the background, fans are gradually accepting Gracieux Lamperti as French Feather No. 1 and the blond Corsican certainly looked good in his winning bout against Bobby Bell, taking the ten rounds at a canter.

▶ At **St. Quentin,** Paul Roux advanced by lacing Tino Albanese in a good cruiser ten and at **Issy,** Francis Bonnardel whipped Juan Oscar Alvarez of Belgium in a feathers ten. Surprise at **Tours,** where Francisco Carreno upset local flyweight hope, Jean Guerrard, in a torrid ten. Michel Francois bested Michel Lombardet in a welter ten at **St. Dizier.**

▶ **Krefeld,** Germany. A crowd of 3,000 collected at the Rheinlandhalle to watch Peter Muller knock out Victoriano Olivares, the Spanish southpaw, in the fifth round of an exciting middles slam. Despite four knockdowns, Olivares gave a great account of himself. Max Schmeling was third man. Herbert Soodmann and Herbert Sowa, both 160, engaged in a desperate duel which ended in the first-named retiring at the end of round five while Conny Rudhoff, 132, scored the quickest win on the card by stopping Marcel Lievin of Belgium in two minutes of the opening round. Herbert Schilling, 134, out-punched rugged Frans Nevens, a Belgian red-head, over six and Aime Mathys, 147, was the only visitor to notch a victory. He soundly defeated Klaus Miska over six rounds.

▶ **St. Jean de Luz,** France. The Belting Basque, Victor Pepeder, did well here to outscore the American, Charlie Douglas, in a fast lightweight ten and at **Vierzon,** Tony Garcia triumphed over Girolamo Licatesi in a lightie ten.

▶ At **Douai,** Marcel Watel laced Guy Schatt in a bantam ten and in **Paris,** Cyprien Carrie outpointed Michel Clavel in a lightie eight.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy. There's always a great attendance here when prima donna Franco Cavicchi is on the bill and 8,000 rolled up to watch him deal with the South African champion, Gawie De Klerk. The Springbok proved to be a hard nut and although the Italian won more or less every round he was never able to get De Klerk in trouble. Uber Bacilieri came in badly trained against Rocco Mazzola, as a last-minute substitute. He outweighed the cruiser champ by some 24 lb. but was never dangerous while Mazzola fought a most apathetic and unspirited bout. The result was a draw after eight rounds. Mario Vecchiatto won handily over the promising but inexperienced Frenchman, Jackie Chaveau, in a lightie ten and Giancarlo Garbelli checked another member of the same stable, Maurice Auzel, in a remarkable battle. Despite his known fragility, Auzel attacked from the first bell and Garbelli met him halfway. The first two rounds went to the visitor, then Garbelli began his forward march in grand style, attacking with looping hooks to the mid-section which made the Frenchman sag. Some of the punches were rather low. Garbelli slipped and took a count in the fourth but came in, wide open, to hammer Auzel round the ring. The Frenchman went down in the sixth and staggered to his feet before the fatal "out" but he was out on his feet and sent to his corner by the ref.

▶ **Abidjan,** Ivory Coast. Jules Touan showed some of his old incisive skill here when he chilled Ofei Dodoo in the opening heat of a feathers duel while Yao Kouame forced Joe Pobee to retire in the third round of a cruiser slam.

▶ **Padua,** Italy. Federico Friso copped a funny verdict here at the expense of Carlos Rocha, Portuguese heavies champ. Both men delivered some hefty exchanges and in the second round Rocha went down from a right hook. The ref counted to "eight" and Rocha got to his feet, ready to continue. The referee hesitated, then sent the Portuguese to his corner and declared Friso winner by k.o. A tremendous howl greeted the verdict but nothing could change the ref's decision.

▶ At **Pavia,** blond Annibale Omodei battered Tony Lopez, Spanish veteran, for ten rounds before the ref stopped the slaughter in the last heat. At **Ravenna,** Massimo Zanaboni pounded out a decision over bulky Robert Eugene, Belgium, in a monotonous heavyweight ten.

Franco Cavicchi, former European heavyweight champion, defeated the South African champion, Gawie De Klerk, over ten rounds at Bolonga, Italy, though he was never able to have the Springbok in trouble.

▶ **Mannheim,** Germany. Joey Maxim suffered his third straight loss in Europe when he was declared loser to Ulli Ritter after a very even fight which showed that the young German heavyweight had made considerable progress to date. The verdict was not well received and the press agreed on a drawn decision. Edgar Basel captured the national bantam title, vacant these many years, after chasing and pasting Alfred Schweer for twelve hard rounds. The most dramatic fight was that between Peter Muller and Herbert Sowa. The Cologne veteran had it all his own way until late in the eighth, when Sowa slammed over a hard right which stopped Black Peter in his tracks. Sowa then charged in with a battery of punches which felled Muller for a count of "nine". Muller staggered back to his feet, only to fall victim to a further barrage which sent him down once more for "nine". Sowa knew he was within an ace of pulling off a kayo and hammered furiously at his man but the gong sounded and Peter Muller, sadly battered, had his arm lifted by Max Schmelling in token of victory. Charlie Yates drew with Herbert Schilling in a welter six and Heinz Stachowitz whipped Werner Munch in a cruiser four.

▶ **Pavia,** Italy. Santo Amonti, powerful but crude cruiser comer, wasted no time on Candido Sayos, icing the Spaniard in the opening round. At **Lugo,** Bruno Ravaglia stopped Walter Sarti in the fourth heat of a welter slam, while at **Genoa,** Luigi Furio defeated Gerhard Moll in a lively welter eight.

▶ **Paris.** Although Hamia and Lamperti are the accepted leaders of the French feathers brigade, it is Louis Poncy who holds the official title. The blond Parisan has his critics but there is no doubt that he can clout. Witness to this was Jo Ventaja, highly-touted challenger from the Algerian shores, who tangled with Poncy in a title fray here. Poncy handed the visitor a shellacking which ended in Monsieur Jo being taken out of action in round eleven. On the same bill young Rene Libeer stopped Jean Beaufrenez in the third of a bantam session.

▶ **Varese,** Italy. Nedo Stampi won here from the resident Spanish lightie, Juan Crespo, in a good eight rounder.

▶ **Saragossa,** Spain. The Spanish middles champ, melancholy Manolo Correa, entertained Heinz Sattler here and outboxed his German guest in a good ten round affair.

▶ **Stuttgart,** Germany. Despite the first appearance of Stefan Redl in Germany as a professional, only 4,000 fans turned up to watch the laurel-laden visitor make his bow against headstrong Gerd Muller. These two indulged in a war to the knife for ten rounds and in the seventh, Muller smacked the emigrant with a right to the jaw which humbled Redl for a count of "seven". The Rhinelander tried desperately to follow up his advantage but Redl lasted the round and came back as strongly as ever in the eighth. Redl earned a close verdict. Ulli Ritter suffered a rude shock when the French colossus, Max Brianto, gave him punch for punch in a rugged heavyweight eight won very narrowly by the German Helmut Hohmann, 155, beat Heinz Stachowitz over six, Toni Gruber, 194, stiffened veteran Hans Strelecki, 174, inside one round and Hans Hafner, 146, flattened Heinz Klutsch in round four. Rolf Peters outscored the French-Italian cruiser, Gino Menozzi, over six rounds.

▶ **Vienna,** Austria. A successful promotion was held at the new City Hall, though only two native sons could claim a victory. Hugo Kohler put the skids under young Max Heinze of Germay in the fifth round of a middles slam while Leo Potesil outscored wily Klaus Miska in a welter six. German guests walked off with the remaining verdicts. Ernst Melchior put paid to the comeback attempt of Alfons Kubes by blitzing the cruiser champ in the opening frame and Conny Rudhoff, promising feathers comer, licked Gerhard Topf over six. Karl Wagner of Munich halted Windbichler in the third heat of a middles affair. The gate was 1,500.

▶ **Hamburg,** Germany. Had it not been for the generosity of Promoter Knorzer the European cruiser championship would never have been disputed in Germany. The match between Calzavara, the holder, and Willi Hoepner, was the fight nobody wanted, since both men had been whipped in recent outings. But the Stuttgart promotor invaded North German territory and brought off a sporting and financial success by attracting 6,000 fans to the Ernst Merck Hall. Briefly, Calzavara fought strongly and decked the challenger right in the opening round. Saved by the gong Hoepner came back in the second to belabour the champ with his left hooks but made the mistake of moving clockwise and walked into Calzavara's heavy right. Down again for an instant, Hoepner realized his error and settled down to outbox the strong but unimaginative Italian and had him in trouble during the fifth. There was a clash of heads in the next round whereupon the Belgian ref ruled out Calzavara for butting. Hoepner could not continue. Whether he can retain this diadem for long appears rather doubtful.

A new German heavyweight king was crowned when square-rigged Albert Westphal, 189, belted out Hans Kalbfell in round five. The craggy Hamburger wore his man down gradually until a series of punches dropped Kalbfell to the ground for the final count. Harry Kurschat, 137, clouted Paolo Ferraro for the full time in round four and Helmut Mistol, 149, was lucky to get a draw with Ernesto Ballabio after eight hard rounds. A third Italian, Dante Madella, 159, lost out to Manfred Hass over six rounds.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

A good-sized crowd was on hand to see Jimmy Beecham, 154, Miami, chase Battling Siki, 160, Aruba, for 10 rounds and easily win a unanimous decision over the Aruban battler on Promoter Steffante's boxing card at the Swingsters Square Garden.

In the scheduled 8-round semi-final, Kid Fenton, 150, Aruba, evened up matters with Young Joe, 154, Curacao, by stopping him in 1:43 of the third round.

In the other preliminaries, Kid Zorzal, 158, Aruba, belted out favorite Buddy Baer, 158, St. Martin, with a barrage of blows in the 4th of a scheduled 6-rounder. Johnny Gumbs, 140, Aruba, exploded a time bomb on the chin of Easy Boy Sonny, 138, Aruba, in 1:35 of the first of a scheduled 6-rounder, and in the opening 6-rounder, Young Walcott, 135, Aruba, easily defeated Kid Curacao, 145, Curacao.

BOXING BITS FROM SINGAPORE
By Little Nene

FAST MOVING RAY MING CHAN, 126, AND SINGAPORE FEATHERWEIGHT champion outpunched, outboxed and outgeneraled Thailand's newcomer Nai Rajoros, 126, over ten active rounds before a fair crowd at the Happy World Stadium.

Tough as they make 'em in Siam, Rajaros kept coming in till the last frame trying to land his haymakers, only to find the Singapore Chinese boxing idol too smooth-moving for him.

In the supporting ten rounder, Sonny Chia, 132, Malaya's lightweight champion, bested Emil Bill Tinde, 132, former Philippine's featherweight champion.

Eagle Ismail, 130, drew with Bill Smith, 132, in four. Little Pancho, Singapore flyweight king outpointed Kong Foo, 115, four, while Seng Leong remained undefeated after knocking out Wee Kee in the third round curtain raiser.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

SOMETIMES it takes years for a boxer to gain the recognition he deserves. Archie Moore, for example, had to go through some fifteen years of hard campaigning in all parts of the world before winning acceptance as a performer of rare merit. Remember the case of Lou Ambers? Few people regarded him as much of a fighter—even though he defeated Tony Canzoneri for the lightweight title and made several successful defenses—until, of all things, he lost the championship to Henry Armstrong. It was only Ambers' tremendous effort in a losing battle against the great Armstrong which finally convinced ring skeptics that the so-called Herkimer Hurricane was really a thoroughly accomplished boxer.

So it has been with many fighters down through the years—as distinguished from other fighters like Joe Louis, Willie Pep, Ray Robinson, Floyd Patterson, all of whom were hailed as outstanding almost from the very beginning of their careers. One knew in seeing these fighters even as amateurs that they were destined for fistic greatness.

Now we have the case of Joe Brown, world lightweight champion (as of this writing). Brown became a professional boxer shortly after his discharge from the Service in 1946. Despite the fact that he had been rated among the top ten men of the 135-pound class during most of his professional career, despite the fact, too, that in winning the title from Wallace (Bud) Smith two years ago he did so with a hand that was broken early in the fight, despite successful defenses against Smith, against Orlando Zulueta, and against Joe Lopes, despite a record of victories over many of the best men of his weight division, Brown still found it difficult to win the plaudits he deserved from boxing experts and boxing fans. Most people consigned him to the category of "cheese champion."

And then suddenly, but finally, came recognition. Perhaps it was the recollection of Brown's masterful handling of Zulueta and Lopes. Perhaps it was the realization that this guy just must be good. More likely, however, it was the superb performance turned in by Brown in thwarting the title attempt of Ralph Dupas. Here was Brown at his brilliant best. Here was a grand fighter giving a sparkling demonstration of boxing skill at its finest. Here was punching power combined with ring generalship to thrill veteran boxing observers. And here, too, at long last was the acclaim Brown so richly deserves. It was a long time coming but sports columnists all over the land were forced to trot out their choicest superlatives to give Brown his over-due due.

It was the summer of 1948. Joe Louis knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in eleven rounds at the Yankee Stadium in the last of his twenty-five title defenses, Tony Zale knocked out Rocky Graziano in three rounds at Newark in the third and last bout of their series, Ike Williams knocked out Jesse Flores in the tenth round of a lightweight championship event at the Yankee Stadium (Ray Robinson outpointed Kid Gavilan in the ten-round semi-final), Marcel Cerdan stopped Zale in twelve rounds for the middleweight crown in a bout at Jersey City. All this gives you an idea of what boxing was like in the New York area just ten years ago this summer.

Two years ago the boxing situation in California was desperate. A State investigation uncovered conditions of so unsavory a nature that few people believed the sport would ever recover. What do we find today? The sport is flourishing on the West Coast as never before. California has become the No. 1 boxing State of the Union. Let us hope that comparable results will be accomplished in New York, where boxing is now being investigated by a New York County Grand Jury.

We read a story the other day about Sonny Liston, crack young heavyweight prospect, that impressed us. The story said, amongst other things, that Sonny contributes to the support of his mother. This we regard as wonderful. Just think of it—a son contributing to the support of his mother. Doesn't happen very often, we'll tell you. And there was another line in the story which we liked. Sonny's ambition, it said, is to own an automobile. Now this is a very laudable ambition and not at all like the ambition of most promising young boxers, which is merely to win a championship.

In the same column about Sonny Liston there appeared a paragraph about Tommy Loughran, somewhat inaccurately described in the article as a former "lightweight" champion. Tommy, it said, goes in a lot these days for bowling and averages "better than 200." Now a bowler who averages better than 200 is in the same league as a baseball player who averages .450 at the plate and if Loughran's bowling average is anywhere near 200 we think he's wasting his time doing whatever it is he's doing.

Jim Norris may have resigned as president of the International Boxing Club but now we find there's another Norris in the fight business. This one is named Norris Burse and he's a Texas light-heavyweight.

Ray Robinson was recently named "Father of the Year" in Sports. He has two children. We can't recall whether the same honor was awarded Jersey Joe Walcott when he was heavyweight champion but it should have been. Jersey Joe has six children.

There are many "catchers" in boxing but Roy Campanella is the only one proud to be known as such. And we all go along with Gov. Averill Harriman's appointment of the great and valiant former Brooklyn baseball star as a deputy commissioner on Julius Helfand's staff.

Rocky Marciano has a new title. Visiting a Miami Beach nightclub recently Rocky was suddenly called on the stage by Jimmy (Schnozzola) Durante who introduced him to the guests as follows: *"Ladies and gentlemen, we got with us tonight 'the Potato King of Florida' and want you to meet him—Rocky Marciano."*

A problem that has long troubled the members of the National Sporting Club of London has finally been solved. For a long time the tuxedoed members of the club had been bothered by boxers who, when accidently knocked out of the ring, had spilled over the brandy glasses or had knocked cigars from the hands of the dignified spectators. Finally one of the club's geniuses had an idea. A protective shelf has been installed and now the staid clientele of the National Sporting Club can watch the bouts without fear of mishap to the refreshments.

Abe Simon, one-time heavyweight contender and now employed at the Roosevelt Raceway, recently told Leon-

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A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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ard Cohen, of the New York Post, that the best all-around fighter he ever faced was Roscoe Toles, of Detroit, whom Abe outpointed. We don't know where this leaves Joe Louis who twice knocked Abe out.

Keeping up with New York Boxing Commission chairmen, past and present: James J. Farley has announced his candidacy for New York Senator; Edward P. F. Eagan is a prime mover in the State Department's "People-to-People" program; Robert K. Christenberry is the new Postmaster of New York City; Julius Helfand has been re-elected president of the World Boxing Committee. No getting away from it—the job of chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission does carry prestige.

NEW KING

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lay on the deck drained of all ability to fight. As Kessler later said: *"There was no point of counting. . . . I could have counted to 30 and Martinez wouldn't have moved."*

There was no question of gameness. Martinez had taken all any athlete, trained to the peak of condition, could suffer. His battered features, with his eyes already beginning to blacken, were but mirrors of the tortured body. He had been beaten to a pulp.

Kessler could have halted the fight in the first round and heard no criticism, but he felt that it was a championship bout and wanted to give both participants as much of a chance as possible.

His judgment was vindicated when Martinez came back to make a fight of it for a few moments.

BEATEN BOXER PUTS ON BRIEF SHOW IN SECOND

The second round saw Martinez remain off the canvas for the only three minutes of the fight. Although he was completely on the defensive with a cut under his right eye, and nose bleeding profusively, he appeared to be gaining strength and made good use of his left jabs with one flurry of combinations that were more like the Martinez the fans had expected to see.

Round three opened with Akins moving right in to keep command. He landed a series of left jabs and two combinations to Martinez's jaw. Vince weathered the storm and struck back with his own lefts to the face and a combination attack to the body and head.

It seemed that through some miracle Martinez might regain sufficient strength to make a fight of it. His left opened a small cut over Akins right eye.

But then the roof fell on Vince. He just had evaded a rush by Akins and before he could set himself, "Honey Bear" ripped right through his defenses and landed a booming right to the head. Martinez dropped as if his head had been cut off. The end was in sight.

Martinez made his feet to beat the count. He was met by a determined two-fisted avalanche that hammered him from one corner of the ring to the other until he beat him to the canvas through sheer force. A weary Martinez wobbled to his feet at eight with little but gameness left. Before he could be dropped again the bell sounded.

FOURTH ROUND FINISH FINDS VINCE ON BACK

The fourth and last round saw a continuation of the slaughter. Too tired to lift his arms Martinez was slugged with a left and right to the head that dropped him for the count of nine. He barely dragged himself to his feet when Akins sent him reeling against the ropes with a two fisted attack that blew the fuse in Martinez's brain. A right followed a left hand lead to the head. Dumped like a sack of meal, flat on his back, Martinez neither heard nor saw the Referee raise the hand of Akins.

A new welterweight champion had been made to fill the shoes of the title left vacant by Carmen Basilio's vacating that crown last September.

There wasn't a still voice in the crowd as the new champion was crowned.

Referee Kessler never could have envisioned the type of fight that was to come when he greeted both fighters prior to the fight with: "Good evening, gentlemen:"

The fight was a brawl, not a very gentlemanly affair.

The bout had figured to be closer. Both had fought 65 times, with Akins winning 47 and losing only 17, and drawing but once. He had a meagre kayo average, having iced only 27 of his opponents. Martinez had a win record of 60 bouts out of which 31 were knockouts.

The catch hung on the caliber of their opposition.

Martinez had been a steady performer who spawned skeptics and critics because of the manner in which he plied his trade. *"I fight so as to win and be able to fight again while receiving a minimum amount of injury,"* he explained.

Akins had been an erratic performer with more ups and downs than an elevator. There was a point at which he seemed destined for obscurity. That was back in 1953, when George Gainsford was his manager. This was the Akins nadir.

"He tried to make me move like Robinson," said Akins, ruefully. The experiment was enough to detour Akins away from his goal. He quit boxing for eight months and went to work in a restaurant.

ARCHIE MOORE, WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, WHO HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION, LANDS A STIFF LEFT JAB TO HEAD OF CHARLEY NORKUS DURING BOUT AT SAN FRANCISCO. MOORE CAPTURED LOPSIDED TEN ROUND DECISION.

AKINS STARTED TOWARD TITLE WITH 1952 SUCCESSES

Back in the ring in 1954, Virgil steadied down and no longer lost the "big ones." He was on his way. He lost one out of three to Isaac Logart, but rolled over Hector Constance, a contender at that time, scored two big ones over Tony DeMarco, and rocketed toward the welterweight championship.

The best description of the new champion's style is his own: *"I put 'em together and I never back up. . . . I always move in on a guy."* A poker-faced, un-emotional man, he was vociferous for the first time in his dressing room after the Martinez fight.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Ronny Martin

(Pinch Hitting for Lenny Myers)

IRISH BOBBY SCANLON, 133½, OF SAN FRANCISCO, and Bobby Rogers, 135, of Chicago, provided 10 exciting rounds of boxing, headlining the Chicago Stadium program. This nationally televised contest gave Chicago fight fans their first look at San cisco's highly-touted Bobby.

Scanlon took the unanimous 10 round decision, but it wasn't an easy one as Rogers gave a good account of himself.

Walcott Jackson, of Chicago scored a third round T.K.O. over James Beard of Chicago. Both fighters weighed in at 160. Art Wilburn, 137, Galesburg, Ill., took an exciting split decision from Chicago's Maurice Burks, 138. A rematch between these two lightweights is in the making. King Farouk, 148, Chicago, beat Louisville's Danny Jones, 145, in four rounds.

Henry Hanks, 157, Detroit, scored a sensational fourth round knockout over previously undefeated Rudy Ellis, 160, Covert, Mich. In this writer's opinion, the 23 year old Hanks is one of the best middleweight prospects around. Hanks has now won his last three fights by knockouts. He also won from Charley Cotton in eight rounds.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

PROVIDENCE—Arcadia — Gordon Parker, 135½, **Athol**, was hard pressed in gaining a split eight round decision from veteran Johnny Johnikin, 131, New York. Parker, who racked up his 11th straight win since turning pro. found Johnikin a difficult target to reach. Johnikin was content to duck and slip Parker's efforts and failed to take the offensive enough to sway the officials.

Young Beau Jack, 162, Boston, won a surprisingly easy eight round decision over Eddie Thompson, 158, Cincinnati, O. Jack took every round but the seventh when Thompson flashed a little of the form he has previously shown. The only knockdown was in the fourth when a left hook to the ribs spilled Thompson. Tommy Garrow, 135½ Claremont, N. H., overwhelmed Jimmy McGinnis, 136½, Newark, N. J., in six rounds. Mickey Dwyer, 152, Dorchester, halted Paul Leri, 150, Pawtucket, in the final round of a sixer. Willie Green, 161, Providence, flattened Forrest Simms, 155, Boston, in the first round of the four round opener.

▶BOSTON — Mechanic's Building — Vince Martinez, 148¾, Paterson, N. J., wound up his tune-up bout for his coming title bout with Virgil Akins with a seventh round kayo over veteran Armand Savoie, 144½, Montreal, Can. After four rounds of light sparring Martinez gradually stepped up the pace. A hard, fast right to the midsection followed by a left-right combination to the head caused Savoie's knees to buckle. Referee Joe Zapustas saved the outclassed Savoie from further embrarassment.

Joe DeNucci, 163, Newton, bided his time with elusive Lee Williams, 160, Roxbury. His patience paid off. In the fifth Williams threw a left to the head and DeNucci countered with a right cross to score his 10th kayo in 12 pro fights. Cardell Farmos, 172, Boston, punched out an eight round decision over Bad Willie Gray, 179½, his neighborhood rival, in a wild punching affair. Farmos' punches were a bit better directed than Gray's. Dick Divola, 129, Charlestown, edged out Bob Shaughnessy, 125, Boston, by a split duke in the four round opener.

▶BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Barry Allison, 149, Springfield, New England middleweight champion, romped to an easy ten round decision over Pete Adams, 156, Newark, N. J. Allison won all the way with the exception of the seventh round when he suffered a slight cut while Adams rallied. The cut forced Allison out of several matches.

Eddie McDonough, 174½, Brighton, was held to the full six rounds for the first time when he decisioned Paul Rossi, 168, Thompsonville, Conn., in the semi-final. In four round bouts: Lou Sullivan, 158½, East Boston, whipped Dennis Goslow, 155, Worcester; Nick Previti, 138, South Boston, continued to show promise by winning over Johnny Bradley, 141½, New York; Bob Shaughnessy, 125, Roxbury, won over rugged Joey Delio, 129, Providence; and Paul Stivaletta, 143½, Dedham, scored the only knockout over Paul Donovan, 144, Roxbury, in the first round.

▶BOSTON — Mechanic's Building — Willie Pep, 130¾, former world's featherweight champion from Hartford, continues to pitch shut-outs. This time he won all ten rounds from a willing but inept Bobby Singleton, 127¾, Philadelphia. The latter at five feet had a great deficit in size. Pep jabbed him at will but Singleton kept walking in. In the final heat Willie opened up. He raised Singleton off his feet with some uppercuts but was unable to deck him.

Jackson Brown, 153¾, Dorchester, battled to an eight round draw in the semi-final with his fellow-townsman, Mickey Dwyer, 150, in a very good, action packed bout. Bob Woodall, 207¼, Roxbury, halted Earl Atley, 206, Philadelphia, in the fourth of a sixer. Al King, 138¾, Bristol, Conn., had a bit too much class for hard punching Bobby Barrett, 138¾, Dorchester, in their four rounder. Mike DeFeo, 151¼, Brighton, decisioned Walter Barboza, 152¾, Boston, in four heats.

▶ATHOL—Memorial Hall—Gordon Parker, 135, Athol, racked up win number 12 when he won a unanimous decision over veteran Myrel Olmstead, 140, Springfield, in eight rounds. It was the headliner of the first pro show in Athol in seven years. Olmstead relied on his fine defensive skill and well oiled bicycle. Parker stalked and stalked but succeeded in only shaking up his Springfield rival several times. There were no knockdowns but Olmstead suffered a gash over his eye in the second round.

Al Duarte, 145, New Bedford, was too ringwise for Bobby Barrett, 144, Dorchester, and managed to eke out a split decision. Barrett gave him a stiff argument all of the way. Young Beau Jack, 161, Boston, had to come off the floor in the third round to gain a split decision in six rounds from Gus Jones, 157, Springfield. Bob Shaughnessy, 124, Boston, and Jackie Lyons, 127, Dorchester, battled it out on even terms for four rounds. Tommy Garrow, 136, Claremont, N. H., and Buzzie Williams, 141, Holyoke, slugged it out with Garrow getting a kayo win in the second round of the opener.

▶BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Joe DeNucci, 159, Newton, continued his winning ways at the expense of veteran Johnny Cunningham, 155, Baltimore, in eight rounds. DeNucci tried for a kayo victory but Cunningham was able to avert such disaster with his clutching tactics.

Eddie Connors, 149, Sharon, started his comeback with a five round knockout over Charley Washington, 150, New York, in the semi-final. George Walker, 138¼, Providence, a neat little performer, belted out Sammy Marino, 140¾, New York, in the second round. Dick Divola, 126¼, Charlestown, won in four rounds from Joey Delio, 129, Providence. Lou Sullivan, 155½, East Boston, flattened Steve Green, 151½, Lynn, in the fourth. Paul Stivaletta, 142¾, Dedham, planted Joe L. Frye, 140, Roxbury, into the resin in the second. And in the opener, Willie Green, 161¼, Providence, outpointed comebacking Ike Stevenson, 168, Framingham, in four rounds.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

Davey Moore, the Springfield, O. featherweight, continues to be only outstanding fighter from this section.

Davey won a 10 round decision over Roberto Garcia at Mexico City before 20,000 fans.

Moore would be a welcome main event fighter in a Cincinnati or Dayton promoted show. Promoters in both of these cities are missing a bet by not showing him to southern Ohio fans since he sky-rocketed to the top of the 126 pound division.

▶AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . George Rushmer, New York manager, is trying to get Ft. Wayne promoter Phil Olofsky interested in showing Shirley Pembleton there . . . what has become of all the men around southern Ohio who were interested in promoting boxing . . . the fever is still there, but no one wants to try . . . too strict rules is one of the big reasons that the commissioners are holding down any promotions around here, to our way of thinking . . . my weekly boxing letter at ten dollars per year going strong, likewise the one dollar each promoters and managers guide . . . you can get full information or a copy by writing this scribbler at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . Lee Cox, former welter, and Franky Boehm, former champion wrestler, are private police on the sidelines . . . both doing good jobs . . . hot off the press as we send this in, is that the Parkway club will stage some pro boxing shows this summer at the outdoor arena on Central Parkway.

LOUISVILLE, KY. BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

AT FREEDOM HALL Archie Moore, 196, won a hard-earned split decision over willing Willi Besmanoff, 191. In the third round a two-fisted attack took the steam and strength out of Besmanoff.

Besmanoff had taken the first two rounds rather handily. After 10-rounds Judge Tom Nuckles had it 47-43 and Judge Walter Beck 49-45 for Moore and the referee Dan Leslie had it 45-44 for Besmanoff.

In the preliminaries—Billy Tuck, 161, Louisville, outpointed Jim Sargent, 156, Peoria, Ill., in four. Danny Jones, 145, Louisville, decisioned Willie Harris, 147, Chicago, in four, Walcott Jackson, 162, Chicago, decisioned Sherman Williams, 161, of Louisville, in six, and Rudell Stitch, 147, Louisville, T.K.O'd Elmer Shippe, 150, of Peoria in third.

At the Armory in down town Louisville determined Rudell Stitch, 146, embroidered the most significant victory of his young pro-fight career when he knocked out Charlie Cotton, 154, in the 10th round of a real tussle. Stitch had only 11 previous bouts behind him as a pro in contrast to the 55 of Cotton.

Other results—Art Glass, 160, Dayton, unanimously decisioned Sherman Williams, 161, of Louisville, in 8; Billy Williams, 138, Louisville, T.K.O'd Bobby Blue, 141, Indianapolis, in 2:07 of 5th round. Billy Tuck, 160, Louisville, won by split decision over Jimmy Ellerey, 165, of Cincinnati, in four. Jack Roberts, 162, Louisville, unanimously decisioned Mack Carol, 168, of Cincinnati in four. Robert Keeling, 137, Dayton, and Vern Lee, 147, Indianapolis, drew in four.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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streak of half a dozen setbacks, most of them against leading lightweight contenders. Two of the losses were to Kenny Lane.

Preliminaries: Billy Walker, 130, dec. Bobby Gray, 130, in 6; Jerry Hunnicutt, 155, KO'd Eddie Fields, 155, in 1; Tony Dominguez, 156, outpointed Steve Mendoza, 152, in 4; Don Kelly, 155, dec. Doug Garrett, 152, in 4.

▶A pair of eight-rounders headlined promoter Jimmy Cosenza's card in Richmond. Hank Casey, 158, San Francisco won for the third straight time against busy-punching Joe Brewer, 159, of Fresno. Like the previous battles, there were few idle moments.

In the other feature clash at the Civic Auditorium, Morris Leviege, 139, San Jose, was given a TKO over Marvin Marcus, 143, of Fresno. An eye cut put Marcus out of the running in the sixth.

Louis Andrade, 162, outpointed Don Edmonds, 158, in the six rounder.

Four round results: Speedy Henderson, 137, dec. Larry Lopez, 136; Dick Bohuet, 153, outpointed Gene Brasher, 160.

▶There has been no direct box-office clash yet between boxing and major league baseball in San Francisco. The closest thing to it came on a Monday, when 8000 attended an afternoon game to see the Giants. That same evening more than 9000 went to witness the battle between two big league middleweights at the Cow Palace. In this contest Joey Giardello won over Rory Calhoun in ten rounds.

The gross gate was $48,998; the net $42,279. Promoters Jim·Pusateri and Abe Acquistapace directed the program for the S.F. Boxing Club, with Bennie Ford as matchmaker.

It was the 16th win in a row for Giardello, 159, from Rosedale, Long Island. Free swinging Calhoun, from White Plains, N. Y., scaled 158.

A year before Joey had won a split decision over Calhoun at Cleveland. This time Joey won by a wide margin. The official scoring consensus for Giardello was 98-88.

Giardello used a counterpunching technique to good advantage. A right, left, right combination to the jaw floored Calhoun for nine in the fourth. Another right to the head put Rory down for six in the sixth round.

Though the bout was not televised, it was another instance where a good gate was achieved by matching two out-of-town TV ring personalities.

Results of preliminaries: Ritchie Matsumura, 131, dec. Al Carroll, 129, in 4; Billy Thomas, 129, TKO'd Dom Sacco, 130, in 3; Johnny Wills, 140, stopped Buddy McDonald, 144, in 4; Harry Sandler, 151, drew with Steve Mendoza, 144, in 4; Rocky Fumerelle, 156, halted Harold Meredith, 154, in 3; Sixto Rodriguez, 171, dec. Teddy Martin, 172, in 6.

BOXING IN OKLAHOMA CITY
By Robert Johnson

Tennel Williams, 136, of Okla. City, lost a decision to Alfred Franklin, 137, of Okla. City, 4 rds.

Bavarian Bush, 153, of Tulsa, Okla., KO'd Joe Mitchell, 155, of Eufala, Okla., in the 2nd round.

Joe Adair, 160, of Wichita, Kansas, stopped Oscar Holman, 154 lbs., of Okla. City, in the 2nd round.

Donnie Ward, 190, of Tulsa, Okla., stopped Wayne Whitner, 190, of Chickasha, Okla., in the 1st round.

Hestal Franks, 145, of Okla. City, KO'd Clarence Lane, 144, of Tulsa, Okla., in the 1st round.

MAIN EVENT

Cecil Courtney, 144, of Okla. City and Henry Brown, 145, of Wichita, Kansas, fought a thrilling 6 rounds to a draw.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE, IDAHO . . . ROQUE MARAVILLA, 174¾, AND CAL BRAD, 174¾, Calif. State lightweight champion, put on a whirlwind battle in the State Fairground pavilion. Brad is strictly a fighter with plenty of class and a left hand that is faster than a snake's tongue. Maravilla's condition was at its highest as well as his intestinal fortitude. This was the main factor that gave the Idaho puncher the decision in the final round when he had the California lad rocking from one corner to the next and all but virtually on the deck.

Beauty and the Beast! Rose Roman, popular young glamour star of the mat, shows her power by taking Ivan Rasputin for a spin. This horseplay took part as the two stars were getting ready to appear on the same card recently in a mid-Western city.

Glenn Burgess, 146, won the 6-round semi from Kenny Willis, 147¾, of Oakland. Burgess has been much sharper in previous fights.

Gene Turley, 156, Twin Falls, gained a split decision over Boston Wilson, 158, Richmond, Calif. Turley was on the cautious side this time as he had been knocked out a month earlier by Wilson.

Dick Tanner, 180, Richmond and Roger Wiley, 181, Salt Lake, clinched for six rounds and Wiley picked up the verdict by a split decision.

George Westfall, 148, Twin Falls, put Chuck Putney, 151, the "Fighting Policeman" from Payette away in 1:52 of the 3rd round.

Noel Morfin, 128, a new-comer to the pro ranks, Nampa, cooled Bill Carter, 135, Oakland in the third round.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

PROFESSIONAL BOXING IS DORMANT HERE AT PRESENT but the amateurs are getting a big play with weekly cards and drawing well at various clubs. Johnny Papke, former middleweight, is one of the best known trainers of amateur fighters here. Johnny is also a highway employee.

Norman Genet, the Akron middleweight who fought the best in the Twenties including Young Stribling, Jock Malone and Jimmy Slattery, is recovering from a serious operation.

BOXING BEING REVIVED IN SPOKANE
By Mel Epstein

Tommy Moyer, the enterprising Portland promoter is now promoting shows in Spokane on a full scale basis with Mel Epstein operating in the capacity of matchmaker. Down for better than a year, it is quite likely the fight game will take an upward swing in Spokane with the introduction of monthly fight cards being held in the beautiful Coliseum.

The opening card spirited triple main event of eight rounds each saw the former all-collegiate 165 pound champ, Roger Rouse, triumph over the seasoned Joe Neal of Vallejo, California. Rouse, who hails from Opportunity, Montana, had Neal down in the second round but the Californian managed to weather the storm and made a good fight all the way.

Denny Moyer, a welterweight and nephew of the promoter, outsmarted Jimmy Hayes of Los Angeles in a very good exhibition of artful boxing in eight exciting heats.

Ralph (Young) Goldie of Honolulu, a last minute substitute for Mel Francis, got nailed on the whiskers by a sizzling right hand thrown by Chencho Chavez in the very first round of their eight round scheduled bout

Kirk Barrow, the Spokane middleweight under the management of Kaley Sonners, dumped Billy Cox of Portland in the fourth round while his stablemate, Cal Brown of Priest River, Idaho, decisioned Charley Brown in the opening four rounder.

Tommy Moyer came back with another fight card at the Spokane Coliseum, featuring Bobby Jones of Oakland, California and Phil Moyer, Portland middleweight, in a ten round setto. Phil who is but twenty years old, gave away plenty of experience to the veteran Oakland fighter, but came out of the battle an easy winner. Roger Rouse, lightheavyweight prospect of Opportunity, Montana, knocked Al Jackson down three times in the first round of the scheduled eight round semi-windup with the referee intervening to stop the fight. Gordy Gladsom of Pullman, Washington sustained a cut eye in the fourth round of a six round bout with lightheavyweight Roger Wiley of Salt Lake which put an end to an otherwise interesting scrap. Don Kennington of Salt Lake fighting Jack Frost in the welterweight division lost a six round verdict to the Spokane youngster while Elmer Carter of Salt Lake beat Charley Brown of Portland in the middleweight four round curtain-raiser.

MOBILE, ALA., NOTES
By Art Drago

MOBILE, ALA.—UNBEATEN ALABAMA STATE WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION Guy Sumlin scored his eighth victory, a ten-round decision over Jimmy Leech of Houston and Miami Beach in the only ring action of the month here.

The card, first outdoor show of the year, attracted a total of 1,454 paying customers and a gross gate of approximately $2,500. Both figures were the second best recorded for a card here since the sport was revived in the spring of 1957.

Sumlin, a 21-year-old native of nearby Prichard, won every round but the tenth but was extended all the way by his older opponent. Sumlin had Leech on the canvas twice in the eighth round but the wily Texan got off the hook and came back strong in the final two rounds.

Dale Davis, Houston welter, scored his 15th victory in 17 pro fights, when he stopped Johnny Guberra, San Antonio, via a third round TKO.

Kenny Decereaux, 135, New Orleans, gained a split decision over Bobby Garza, 135, Corpus Christi (6); Teddy Mosley, 138, Mobile, stopped Earl Leroy, 137, Houston, 0:25 of the second; Cheffy Reyna, 145, Mobile, halted Earl Warren, 140, Beaumont, 1:35 of the second.

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CANADIAN MARITIME BOXING
By Fred Bishop

MINER'S FORUM, GLACE BAY, N. S.:—Billed as a top middleweight out of Boston but no match for Gordie McDougall, 164, Sydney, Billy Diez, 162, caught one right smash to the mid-section and was counted out midway through the first round, to send a good house of 1,200 home early.

In a crowd pleasing under card, Buddy Greer, 149, Sydney, outfought Slugger Turnbull, 142, Stellarton, N. S., in the best go of the night of 6 rounds.

Eighteen-year-old Blair Richardson, 156, Sydney, continued on his winning ways as he knocked out Russ Micholsky, 150, New Waterford, in the first. Richardson has only one loss in eight starts and has scored four kayoes.

In a four-round opener, Pete Duff, 176, Stellarton, and George Lewis, 174, North Sydney, slugged to a hard draw.

▶ Halifax Forum, N. S.:—Kickoff of the fight season in Halifax was a big disappointment as the mob got treated to one of the dullest shows in years. Main event featured Dick Howard, 137, Halifax, Canadian champion, outmauling Baby Beau Jack (George Seabrooke), 135, New York, in 10 tame rounds.

Flashy Jackie Hayden, 134, Westville, looked good but the opposition was very weak in the person of Asan Santiago, 131, New York. Hayden was all over him for an easy eight round decision.

In the second of two fours, Digger McEwan, 159, Westville, making his first start in a number of years, had too much for young Jack Noon, 155, a Halifax-stationed Toronto sailor, who retired after one minute of the third round.

In the opening go, up and coming George Munroe, 132, Halifax, beat Lou Hilliard, 128, Dartmouth.

▶ New Glasgow, N. S.:—Norm Gautreau, Moncton, Maritime welter boss, and Kieth Paris, Halifax, former champ, featured Harry Trainor's opening card and these old rivals slugged it out till the sixth when Gautreau sprained an ankle. Gautreau's title was not at stake and he could not finish the seventh, the referee awarding the fight to Paris on a T.K.O.. Paris, 150, Gautreau, 146.

Semi-final six, a slug-fest in which Al MacLean, 154, New Glasgow, outroughed Ray Steele, 156, P.E.I., for a unanimous decision. In another six, Alf Grant, 160, Halifax, trying a comeback after two years out, found going tough and lost to veteran Doug Odo, 160, Thorburn.

▶ Yarmouth, N. S.:—Elroy Sparks, 134, Halifax, shot one wicked left hook to the chin of Billy Nickerson, 135, Yarmouth, to stop the South Shore fighter in ten seconds of the first round on a 10 round feature. There is talk of a rematch here as Nickerson has been regarded as a comer and is expected to reverse the next outcome.

Southpaw Jonnie Griffiths, 157, Halifax, threw too many bombs for Jack Noon, 154, Halifax, and stopped the Halifax-based sailor in the third.

Yarmouth's Bernie LeBlanc, 148, showed some flashy combinations to upset the Liverpool veteran Steve Johnson, 152, over four rounds. Ron Boyd, 137, Yarmouth, outpunched Halifax's Ossie Grosse, in four.

▶ Montreal, P. Q.:—Yvon Durelle, 178. Baie St. Anne, N. B., won a lop-sided decision over Frenchman Germinal Ballarin, 171, over ten rounds. The French fighter showed a good left and a fine pair of running legs to keep the hard swinging Durelle from causing too much damage. Only knockdown was scored by Durelle's left hook with a follow through push midway through the tenth.

▶ Glace Bay, N. S.:—Gordie McDougall, Sydney, has at long last settled the Maritime dispute of who is the best middleweight in these parts. Coby McClusky has retired and moved to Ontario. He had been champion for seven years. McDougall knocked out Bridgewater's Jerry Fraser in the fifth round to gain recognition in all provinces as the new champion. Fraser carried the first three rounds with a strong head attack. McDougall, well known for his body attacks, began to get to Fraser through the fourth as both boys stood toe to toe and slugged it out. McDougall left hook floored Fraser near the bell. Fraser coming out for the fifth was sluggish. McDougall caught Fraser several bone-crushing punches and finished him off with another left hook. Fraser, 152, McDougall, 163.

Semi-final six saw Blair Richardson, 163, Sydney, continue his winning ways as he knocked out K. O. O'Malley, 159, Chatham, N. B., in the second. In a six round go, Joe Scott, 145, Lingan, N. S., making his first pro start, outpointed veteran Ray Mascoll, 148, Whitney Pier, N. S.

Kevin Richardson, a brother of Blair, lost a four round go to Danny Gillis. Lightweights.

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WESTERN CANADA BOXING BEAT
By Eddie Olynuk

The 12-bout card put on by the Calgary Boxing Club produced some real action as ten knockdowns were scored. The card, held at the Pavilion, saw out-of-town fighters show exceedingly well as they piled up seven wins against members of the local club.

Lothar Wolski, 145, of Calgary, lost a close decision to clubmate Ted Dvorak, 146, also of Calgary in a three-round preliminary; in the other prelims L/Cpl. Frank Rymarchuk of the Lord Strathcona's Horse won over Joe Bigalke, 156, of Calgary, and Roy David, 132, of Calgary, took a split-decision from Cfn. Tom Hogg, 133, the lightweight champ of Western Army Command. Larry Sands, Rocky Mountain House, Alta., substituted for clubmate Ed Beach and won a unanimous decision from Steve Timar, 162, of Calgary; Eddie LeBaron, 125, Alberta, open Golden Gloves champ, won by TKO over George Toth, 125, of Calgary, at 1:25 of the third; Harvey Reti, 137, of Taber, Golden Gloves light welter champ, floored Elas Cherno, 136, of Calgary, in the second and then applied the clincher at 34 seconds of the third; Ted Billingsley, 85 pounds of Edmonton and a former Golden Gloves champ, a decision over Rod Anonson, 90, Edmonton, Dominion champ of 1957; Bill Sand, 174, of Calgary, decisioned Alex Voros, 158, Rocky Mtn. House, in a light heavyweight tussle; Leslie Kovach, 153, Calgary, outpointed Bill Anderson, 154, of Edmonton, novice Golden Gloves light middle champ; George Davie, 135, of Edmonton, won over Walter Galback, Calgary. In the semi-windup Barney Marchand, Rocky Mtn. House, the Alberta open welter champ, scored a KO over Alfred Muller, Calgary. Marchand weighed 148 and Muller 144; Joe Kigyosi, 156, of Calgary, although being floored twice in the opening round came on strong to win the decision from Ralph Hosack, 160, of Edmonton.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

Seven days before the Orville Pitts and Hans Stretz bout here at the Milwaukee Auditorium the Boxing Commission disqualified the German after an examination by Dr. Irwin Gaynon who discovered a cataract on the fighters right eye. This left promoter Dr. Jack Gules without an opponent for Pitts and he called the show off.

The cancellation ruled out what looked like the first sellout to be enjoyed by the fistic brethren here in years. The advance sale had passed the $12,000 mark.

Dr. Gules brought Stretz here on the assurance that his eyes were in excellent condition and had received a written report on the letter head of a New York doctor reporting no pathology in Stretz's eyes and a 20-20 vision for both. All of which leaves the promoter and boxing commission wondering just whose eyes the New York doctor examined. The cancellation cost the Midwest Boxing Club $1800. The boxing commission threatened an investigation through N.B.A. channels.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERKUE
By Johnny Seubert

Promoter Jim Hill hit one of the biggest jackpots here in recent years when he presented a ten-round thriller in which Ralph "Tiger" Jones of Yonkers, 158, New York, was upset by Jim Hegerle, 157, a comparatively unknown middleweight from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hegerle not only received the unanimous decision via the scorecards of the two judges and Referee Jim Cleary but dumped Jones with a short inside right to the head during an exchange of blows during the sixth round. It seemed almost incredible that the veteran Jones should go down in this match as he was away ahead on points up to that time. But down he went and Hegerle, who had been lagging far behind in the points department, started to steamroll down to the final bell.

Jones' corner claimed he was tipped off balance but Referee Cleary who was in an excellent position, determined it was a knockdown and gave Jones a mandatory eight count.

The officials scored the fight as follows: Referee Jim Cleary 97-96; and Judges Pat Wall and Herb Gillette 97-94 and 95-94, respectively, all for Hegerle. The writer tabbed it 92-92.

In an eight round semi-final Andy Maes, 151, of Denver, managed to bull his way to a unanimous decision over Candy Lee, 156, Chicago.

Jesse Gutierrez, 138, Mexico City, pounded out a savage unanimous decision over Benny Montoya, 140, Denver, in a slambang affair which had the fans on edge throughout.

In an even-Steven four rounder Freddy Coca, 125, Denver, drew with Frankie Valdez, 126. Both featherweights.

Jesse Leja, 117, San Antonio, TKO'd Dickie Sanchez, 117 Denver, in 2:50 of round two of the opener.

▶ SECOND WIND: Johnny Leto, veteran referee, handled all the prelims.

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DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

AT THE TUCSON ARENA Ranked Gaspar Ortega, 148, got on to the pace by the third round and won over Bob Terrance, 148, Tucson, as he pleased.

In the six-round semi-final, Collier Cox, 124, Phoenix, took a decision over Tony Cadena, 125, El Centro. In four's, Tucson's Johnny Hunter, 160, made his pro debut by taking a unanimous decision over Don Curtis, 158, Los Angeles; Jim Cooksley (weights unknown) Phoenix, beat Manny Rivera, San Diego; Jackie Pearson, 126, Surprise, Ariz., knocked out Joe Anderson, 128, Mexicali, in the third; and Joe Alfaro (weights unknown), of Tucson won a TKO over Timmy Lee, Tucson.

STATEWIDE BITS—An Arizona State Athletic Commission was established in June. The new bill was passed by the last State Legislature . . . Zora Folley, who is undefeated in his last 20 bouts, recently lost a decision to a wasp which stung him near the eye . . . He is getting in shape for the pending match with Pete Rademacher . . . In Arizona to start his pro career is one of the most illustrious amateurs around. He is Richard Lee, Alternate to the 1956 Olympics, and All Army and Interservice Champion.

TEXAS AND THE MID-SOUTH
By Harlan Haas

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS—Manuel Baneulos, 158, hammered out a 10 round decision over tough Manuel Gutierrez, 159, in the star attraction on Promoter Ramon Ruenes' boxing show. Tomas Gutierrez, 147, was the winner over Jose Barcenas, 149, in an eight rounder, while Hilario Molina, 135, kayoed Rodolfo Perez, 132, in the fourth heat.

▶ **Dallas, Texas**—Southpaw Kenny Lane, world's number two lightweight from Muskegon, showing in Texas for the first time made a fine impression by icing Davey Dupas, a Joe Brown sparmate, in the sixth frame. It was a rough evening for Lil' Davey who while absorbing his lumps throughout the six rounds found it difficult to land a clean shot on the Michigan wrong hander. Lane piled up points in the first four heats, scoring well with both hands, then in the fifth he landed a vicious left-right combination that sent the New Orleans' lad sprawling. The bell only prolonged the inevitable ending. Only 40 seconds of the sixth round had elapsed when Lane shot across a short left to the whiskers to end it all. Lane tipped the beam at 138, Dupas, 140.

Curtis Cokes, 143, Dallas, scored a unanimous six round decision over Cecil Courtney, 144, Oklahoma City. Roy Sparks, 147, Dallas, was announced as the winner in a weird one over Dale Davis, 148, Senath, Mo., when the bout was halted in the opening round. Sparks rushed out at the bell, and started tossing leather from centerfield. A right hand landed on the chin of the Missouri kid who reeled back against the hemp, but apparently was not in grave distress. Sparks continued to rain wild lefts and rights at the bobbing and weaving Davis, when the third man stepped in and stopped it, raising Spark's hand in token of victory. Henry Watson, 140, Dallas, decisioned Pat bout. Bryan Daugherty, 118, Dallas, fought Rudy Gonzales, 125, Dallas, to a four round even steven affair. Richard York, 175, Wichita Falls, won over Leroy Failes, 173, Dallas, in the opening four.

▶ **Odessa, Texas**—Al Boudreaux, 143, the Louisiana welterweight champion, in the best shape of his seven year career as a pro outboxed tough Ray Portilla, 142, to walk off with the 10 round main event.

In the eight round semi-final, Manuel Gonzales, 140, Odessa, won a gruelling battle from strong boy Pat "Bull" Brown, 139, Victoria. It was one of the most pleasing bouts of the night, and Brown kept the fans on edge by bouncing off the ropes, dropping his hands, and sticking out his chin while beckoning Gonzales to come on in. The Odessa youngster is one of the State's most promising fighters, and under the direction of Harry Pippin he should made the grade.

Bobby Garza, 133, Corpus Christi, won a six rounder from tough Howard "Golden Boy" Millsap, 130, Lubbock, in a slam bang affair. Rip White, 158, Odessa, former TAAF champ, turned pro and banged out a four round win over Joltin' Joe Polanco, 150, Victoria, in a whale of a scrap that saw both battlers clobbered on numerous occasions. The lanky ex Marine from Victoria weathered some heavy bombardment, but refused to go down, and was applauded for his gameness. Dick Voorhies, 158, Odessa, also, made his pro debut and won a four rounder from Speedy Chambers, 155, Houston.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas.** Miguel Coronado, 146, Brownsville, continues to impress and this time he halted his foe, Leo Roberson, 146, Corpus Christi, in the fourth frame. Coronado has now racked up five consecutive victories in the border city, and is fast becoming a local favorite. Monico Garza, 130, kayoed Vicente Lopez, 130, in the third round of the semi-final. Hilario Molina, 134, decisioned Nicholas Reyes, 128, in four rounds.

▶ **Waco, Texas.** Lloyd "The Cat" Nelson, 152, of Houston topped Waco's first show in quite some time, and went over big as he stowed away Beaumont's wild and reckless club fighter Curt Woolwine, 147, in the second round of the 10 round main attraction.

Dean Bogany, 180, Houston, and big Lejuin Burks, 205, Houston, engaged in a crowd pleaser in the semi-final six. Bogany got the decision, and made a real hit. Hammerin' Henry Luera, 125, Houston, stowed away Rolando Douglas, 125, Havana, in the second round. Luera is perhaps the State's top featherweight outside of Paul Jorgensen, and would like to meet Junior Flores for the State title if Jorgy decides to vacate the Texas crown. Will Estes, 145, Houston, stopped Sonny Sehon, 140, Houston, in the fourth round of another pleasing battle. Chick Droddy, 130, Houston, turned pro and won over Cecil Mott, 130, Los Angeles, in a four.

▶ **Brownsville, Texas.** Pedro Gonzales, 120, and Gino Tovar, 120, rained leather at each other for the full 10 rounds of the top bout and settled for a draw. Gildo Vargas, 116, stopped Aurelio Reyna, 114, in the second. Francisco Ortiz, 116, and Jose Verchines, 115, drew in six.

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▶ **Dallas Texas.** That ole long, tall boy from Midlothian, Donnie Fleeman, won the biggest scrap of his career when he belted nationally known Bobby Lane, 170, Miami Beach, into dreamland in two rounds. Fleeman may not be a polished fighter by any means, and it's doubtless if he ever will be, but one thing he has that others may never have and that is the big punch. Those long arms of his pump like pistons as he hammers an opponent into insensibility. One word describes this big boy DANGEROUS. Fleeman, the Texas lightheavy champ, weighed 176, Lane came in at 170.

Dave Dupas, 140, New Orleans, kayoed Al Barraza, 140, Phoenix, in the second of the 10 round semi-final. Curtis Cokes, 145, Dallas, decisioned Lamoine "Babe" Vance, 152, Quinland, in six. Tommy Simms, 170, Los Angeles, whipped Ennis Cheatham, 168, Dallas, in six, and George Abinet, 205, Dallas, defeated Willie Burnette, 275, Dallas, in another six.

HAPPENIN'S FROM THE MID-SOUTH. . . . Henry Harrison one of the best simon pure welterweights for quite sometime around the Memphis area may turn pro later this year. . . . The VFW group in Kennett, Missouri making plans for a busy summer in their Arena. Dale Davis from nearby Senath will be the big attraction. Davis is one of the most popular fighters in the Mid-South. He held the Mid-South Golden Gloves welterweight crown in 1954, and was doing okay until running into Rudy Sawyer at Chicago. He has been going like the proverbial house afire in Texas, Alabama, and Missouri rings since joining the pro boys. . . . Carruthersbille, Mo. and Blytheville, Ark. are other Mid-South cities which recently opened up to pro boxing. . . . Blytheville has Murrell "Fletcher" Lee, and he's quite a middleweight. Did okay on the West Coast, and was in the Archie Moore camp for quite a spell. . . .

ODDS & ENDS. . . . Frankie Miller, young recording artist from Arlington, Texas, a former Golden Glove featherweight champion from Victoria. Frankie is scheduled to cut a session for Victor soon. He's penned such hits as "If You Were Me" and "I'm Only Wishing." . . . Then there is Johnny Spain, the young Rock and Roll singer now headquartering in Houston but destined to go places. Johnny is under the direction of Van Bevil former pro fighter from Florida. The Rock and Roll kid is also training daily at Roxy's Gym in Houston and may debut as a professional fighter within the next few weeks. He's a 145 pounder.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

GLASGOW . . . Other Bouts on the Willie Toweel-Guy Gracia card, (reported last month) John (Cowboy) McCormack, Glasgow, 159½, scored a convincing points win over Johnny Read, Norwood, 163½, in eight . . . Evic Vorster, South Africa, 161½, was too strong and aggressive for Vincent O'Kine, Ghana, 151, and it was no surprise when the latter was forced to take the full count in the fifth . . . Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 119½, outpointed Terry Toole, Hackney, 119½, in eight . . . Peter Walsh, Glasgow, 113½, outpointed Barry Rich, Leicester, 114¾, in six.

▶**BELFAST** . . . Andy "Kid" Hayford, Ghana, 127¼, stopped George O'Neill, Belfast, 126, in the fourth, when the latter received a badly cut eye . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 145, stopped Paddy McAulet, Belfast, 148, in the seventh. The latter was in a bad way, and had taken two counts before the referee stopped the bout . . . Ray Bond, Belfast, 139¾, and Jim Loughans, Belfast, 141¾, punched themselves almost to a standstill till the latter succumbed to a right to the head in the second and was counted out . . . Pat Loughran, Belfast, 137, was a little unfortunate to receive a draw in his eight round bout with Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 136½, for he seemed to have the better of The Lisburn Lad . . . Bobby Griffen, Carrickfergus, 139, and Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 143½, boxed a draw in six.

▶**WEMBLEY** . . . Phil Harrington, Guildford, 177¾, outpointed Johnny Bourke, Seton 180¼, in a hard hitting six . . . Billy Keirnan, Hammersmith, 143½, outpointed Cliff Brown, Northampton, 139, in six . . . Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 129, gained a points win over Pat McCairn, Deal, 125, in six . . . Peter East, Southall, 120, was a close points winner over Danny Lingus, Islington, 119½, in a hard fought six . . . Ray Nash, Wembley, 133¾, stopped Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 132¾, in the fourth . . . Maxie Beech, Chiswick, 162¾, outpointed Bobby Short, Tulse Hill, 163, in six . . . Mick Davis, Walthamstow, 146, outpointed Tony Valledy, Acton, 147½, in a very exciting six.

▶**BIRMINGHAM** . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 135¾, outpointed Harry Edwards Smethwick, 136¼, in eight . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 163¾, gained a points win over Ted Buck, Notts, 162½, in a spirited eight . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, was a good points winner over Jim Fisher, Belfast, 134¾, in eight . . . Colin Salcombe, Birmingham, 129, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 128½, in six . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 171, knocked out George Burke, Canning Town, 167, in the third.

▶**CARDIFF** . . . When Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 158½, defeated Freddie Cross, Abertillery, 157, on points for The latters Welsh Middleweight Title some nine months back, pandemoneon amongst the spectators was the order of the day. A return was a natural, and promoter Stan Cottle was rewarded with a capacity crowd to witness Edwards not only retain his Title, but win convincingly on points after twelve rounds of vigorous fighting . . . Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 175, won the Welsh Cruiserweight Title from Noel Trigg, Newport, 172½, in a gruelling twelve. . . . "Darkie" Hughes, Cardiff, 139½, outpointed Andy Baird, Birmingham, 143½, in thrilling eight. Teddy Best, Cardiff, 135¾, Welsh Lightweight Champion, was in a great hurry in his bout with Con Mount Bassey, Jamaica, 130, for as soon as the bout started Best shot a right to Bassey's jaw, sending him down for a count of six, two further counts rendered the latter helpless against the ropes, forcing the referee to intervene in favour of Best in the first round. . . . Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 119, an ex-amateur with a hefty punch, soon put paid to Dave Board, Taunton, 117, in the third. . . . Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 128¾, outpointed Terry Reece, Catford, 127, in six. . . . Ron Elvin, Cardiff, 117½, and Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 118, boxed a draw in six.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON** . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 124, won the Southern Area Featherweight Title on points over Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 123½, in a fast twelve rounder. . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 141½, was a clear points winner over Teddy Barker, Swindon, 134¾, in six. . . . Alex Bryant, Islington, 128, narrowly outpointed Billy Graydon, Stoke Newington, 128, in six. . . . Dave George, Woking, 154, punched too hard for Joe Summerville, Berkhempstead, 156¾, and the latter was forced to take the full count in the second. . . . Johnny Summers, Islington, 137¼, stopped Terry Russell, Canning Town, 134, in the fourth.

▶**ROTHERHAM** . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 116½, was given a hard bout by Danny McNamee, Dundee, 117½, before he earned the referee's points decision in eight interesting rounds. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 159½, and Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 164, fought a thrilling six, with Doherty getting the nod. . . . Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 113¾, scored seven knockdowns in four rounds before the referee intervened in his favour, his opponent Malcolm Gretton, Nottingham, 114¾, was in no fit condition to continue. . . . Max Earle, Doncaster, 192½, stopped Johnny Chapman, Basingstoke, 185¾, in the first. . . . Tommy Weston, Preston, 140, outpointed Cyril Bates, Retford, 144¾, in four.

▶**LIVERPOOL** . . . Dick Tiger, Nigeria, British Empire Middleweight Champion, was in devastating form against Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, who made the mistake of trying to mix matters with one of the strongest middleweights in the business. The manner in which he defeated Ellaway, after 1 min. 14 secs. of the second round, and putting the strong Liverpool fighter on the deck on three occasions, denotes a strong challenger for the World's Middleweight Title. . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria,, 127½, scored a comfortable points win over Alf Drew, Hackney, in eight. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 146, outpointed Don Martin, Formby, 145, in a fast and thrilling eight. . . . Billy Allport, Walsall, 131, defeated George Mason, Bootle, 130½, in the fifth, when the latter was ruled out for a low blow. . . . Tony Smith, Bootle, 162, outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 158, in four. . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 137, and Ron Hignett, Liverpool, 136, fought four rounds to a draw.

▶**CHELTENHAM** . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 184½, in a previous show, convincingly outpointed Boswell St. Louis, was declared the loser on points to Mick Leahy, Coventry, (formerly from cork) 147½, at the end of ten hard pressed rounds. . . . Dave George, Woking, 154½, gained a narrow points win over Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 156¼, in six. . . . Cliff Brown, Northampton, 138, defeated Teddy Barker, Swindon, 136½, within two minutes of the first round by a whirlwind attack, in which the latter took three counts and was unable to defend himself, causing the referee to intervene. . . . Derek Jack, Salsbury, 129½, outpointed Peter Hibbert, Kensington, 128¼, in six. . . . Danny Lingus, Islington, 117¾, outpointed Levi John, Neath, 119¼, in six. . . . Tommy Massebo, Neath, 152, outpointed Sammy Royals, Gloucester, 149½, in six.

▶**WEST HARTLEPOOL** . . . George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 118, made a welcome reappearance to the ring to gain a five round victory over Rudy Edwards, British Guiana, 118¼. Bowes dictated the bout from the start and soon had the taller lad in trouble from hard rights to the head and body. The Southpaw, Edwards, suffered a cut eye early in the fifth, and wisely retired at the end of the round. . . . Ken Harvey, Thornley, 161, and Ted Buck, Nottingham, 162½, battled eight rounds to a draw. . . . Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 140, stopped Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 140, in the second. . . . Billy Adams, Newcastle, 126, defeated Eric Greaves, Middlesborough, 125, in the third, the referee intervening to save Greaves further punishment.

▶**NEWCASTLE** . . . Johnny McCormack, Glasgow, 161¼, was credited with a points win over Attu Clottey, Ghana, 160, at the end of eight hotly contested rounds. The crowd did not take kindly to the officials verdict and voiced their disapproval in no light hearted manner. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 127, was an easy points winner against Andy Hayford, Ghana, 130, in eight. . . . Roy Bennett, Manchester, 147½, was too good for Sam (Esso) Lamptney, Ghana, 147½, and when he was in a defenseless position in the fourth, the referee called a halt in favor of Bennett. . . . Owen Reilly, Glasgow, 125½, was in very good form against Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 127½, and it was no surprise when the latter retired at the end of the fifth, for in that round he had taken two long counts from body blows. . . . Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 147, outpointed Tomm Cavan, Glasgow, 148½, in a thrilling six.

▶**BAMBURY** . . . Billy Wooding, Birmingham, 148, won a gruelling battle against Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 146, over eight rounds. . . . Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 161, knocked out Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 161 in the fourth. . . . Tony French, Woking, 145, again showed good prospects for a lad of sixteen, in the manner that he outpointed Mick Robins, Camberwell, 148, in six. . . . Steve McManus, Manchester, 144, outpointed Terry Banning, Warwick, 145, in six. . . . Johnny King, Birmingham, 138, stopped Terry Giffiths, Bracknell, 133, in the third.

▶**HULL** . . . David Oved, Israel, 132¾, now boxing as a lightweight, showed vast improvement since he came to these British Isles. In his debut, Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 132, gave him a close run, but on this occasion, The Sheffield representative proved no match for the stylist boxing ability of Oved, who was a clear points winner at the end of eight interesting rounds. . . . Two toughies, Tommy Summers, Bootle, 177, and Rocco King, Askern, 163, served up a real "toe to

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to June 21, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Brian London (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	Johnny v. Rensburg (SA)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	George Barnes (A)
3. George Chuvalo (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Clive Stewart (A)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Darby Brown (A)
5. Dick Richardson (W)	Randy Turpin (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Attu Clottey (G)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Gale Kerwin (C)
7. Kitione Lave (To)	Ron Redrup (E)	Freddie Cross (W)	Tommy Molloy (E)
8. Allen Williams (A)	Sammy Langford (N)	Terry Downes (E)	Jimmy Newman (E)
9. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Arthur Howard (E)	Jimmy Lynas (E)	Sandy Manuel (N)
10. Sifa Kivalu (To)	Al Sparks (C)	John McCormack (S)	Johnny Melfah (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Frankie Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (C)	George Bowes (E)	Len Reece (W)
4. Ron Hinson (E)	Johnny Howard (E)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Warner Batchelor (A)
5. L. Lightburn (BH)	Aryee Jackson (G)	Dai Dower (W)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
6. Max Carlos (A)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Terry Spinks (E)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
7. Darkey Hughes (W)	George Dormer (E)	Dick White (A)	Alex Ambrose (S)
8. Billy Kelly (I)	Charley Hill (S)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Gerry Parker (E)
9. George Martin (E)	Pat Supple (C)	Derry Treanor (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
10. Russell Sands (A)	George Carroll (E)	Billy Rafferty (S)	John Caldwell (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

toe" slam from the first to sixth round, and at the end the referee raised the hand of Summers as the winner. . . . Maxie Earl, Doncaster, 185, stopped George Cooper, London, 198½, in the second, when the referee stopped the bout after the latter had taken two counts. . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 146, outpointed Billy Allitt, Nottingham, 149, in six. . . . Johnny Hunt, Birkenhead, 179, easily outpointed Phil Harrington, Guildford, 175½, in six.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON** . . . Denis Hinson, Dagenham, 135¼, won narrowly on points after eight rounds against Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 135. . . . Wally Swift, Nottingham, 146, (undefeated in eleven bouts) kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 146½, (undefeated in thirteen) in eight. . . . Peter Heath, Coventry, 136¾, and Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 136½, drew in six. . . . Terry Rees, Catford, 127½, outpointed Alex Bryant, Islington, 127½, in a hard fought six. . . . Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 160, outpointed Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 161, in six.

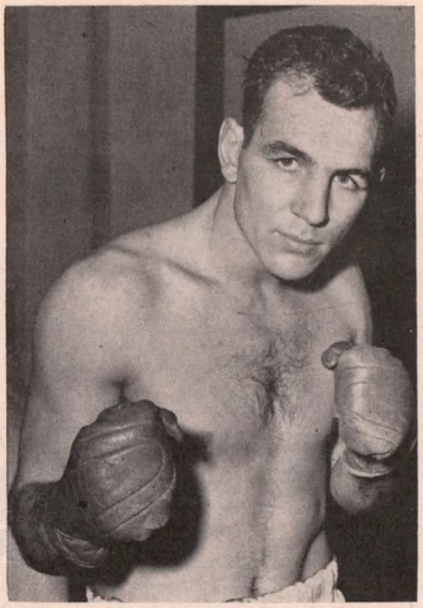
▶**GREAT YARMOUTH** . . . Ebe Mensah, Ghana, 137, was too strong and aggressive for Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134½, and the former was a clear points winner in eight. . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 145½, gained a points win over Terry Lake, Morden, 142¼, in six. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 161, outpointed Edmont Mason, Trinidad, 164, in six. . . . Chris Elliott, Leicester, 122½, stopped Andrew Yates, Trinidad, 124, in the fourth. . . . Joe Pyle, Carshalton, 157, outpointed Jimmy Tunney, Holloway, 155, in six. . . . Gus Harry, Trinidad, 143, outpointed Trevor Wise, Great Yarmouth, 142, in six.

▶**SHOREDITCH** . . . Ron Rerdup, West Ham, 168, after having all the best of matters for ten rounds of a twelve rounder against Eddie Wright, Mile End, for The Southern Area Cruiser Weight Title, was ruled out by referee Tommy Little for an alleged low delivery. Redrup, had no one but himself to blame, for he had scored several knockdowns, and was way out in front on points. This may be a good lesson to the West Ham Southpaw, in the future to curb his impetuousness, that cost him the Southern Area Title. . . . Mike Robins, Camberwell, 146, stopped Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 144, in the fourth. . . . Len Barrow, Swansea, 161¾, stopped Ted Buck, Retford, 163½, in the third. . . . Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 137, stopped Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 137, in the fifth. . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 138, outpointed Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 137¼, in six. . . . Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 122, stopped Danny Lingus, Islington, 119¼, in the fifth.

▶**NEWTOWN** . . . Dick Richardson, Newport, 203½, showing more restraint than in previous bouts, punched with great power to knock out Hans Friedrich, Germany, 200, in the fourth. . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 139, gained a hard earned points decision over Andy Baird, Birmingham, 142½, in eight. . . . Len "Luggie" Reece, Cardiff, 114½, stopped Gerry Parker, Beeston, 114, in the second. Referee Ike Powell stopped the one-sided bout when Parker was in no condition to carry on. . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 175, stopped Basil Kew, Putney, 178, in the second, after the latter had sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Tommy Massebo, Neath, 151, was too good for Norman Jenkins, Port Talbot, 148, and the referee wisely stopped the bout in the third. . . . Phil Jones, Cardiff, 126, stopped Dave Chandler, Battersea, 130, in the third.

▶**BELFAST** . . . A big surprise was in store for the fans at George Connell's Ulster Hall Show when that most promising Welsh featherweight Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 130, was to meet an unknown lad from Bangor, Trevor Martin, 128. . . . The Welshman started off with his usual confidence, and Martin who had been trying to hold off Blakey's aggressiveness sent over a right to his opponent's jaw which landed on the vulnerable spot, and sent him down flat on his back. . . . On rising Blakey was on rubberly legs and was a sitting target for the crisp punching of the Irishman. . . . The referee, seeing the hopeless condition of the Welshman wisely intervened, declaring Martin the winner in 1 min. 40 sec. of the first round. . . . Ron "Ponty" Davies, Cardiff, 116, put paid to the aspirations of Jim Brennan, Belfast, 117, in the second round when the referee intervened in his favor after Brennan had been badly outclassed. . . . Sam Thompson, Belfast, 153½, knocked out Jackie Willis, Belfast, 156¾, in the second round. . . . Paddy McAuley, Belfast, 151, outpointed Pat Price, Newry, 147, in a gruelling eight. Pat Loughran, Belfast, 133, stopped Ray Bond, Belfast, 136½, in the sixth,, when the bout was terminated by the referee, owing to Bond having sustained a badly cut eye.

▶**WEST HARTLEPOOL** . . . British Flyweight Champion, Frankie Jones, 110, defeated Malcolm McCleod, Coventry, (formerly of Dublin, 111, in eight. In the first four rounds, the champ took the lead, but in the fifth and sixth was in trouble from shock right handers to the jaw, nevertheless he recovered in the last two rounds to hand out some of his own left hooks that had McCleod in danger of a K.O. at the end of the bout. Referee Jim Folland raised the hand of McCleod as the winner, but when the crowd started to shout their disapproval, he then realized that he had raised the WRONG HAND, he immediately reversed his decision, naming Frankie Jones as the winner. . . . Danny McNamee, Glasgow, 117½, stopped Jack Richards, Middlesborough, 121¼, in the third, when the referee intervened to save Richards from further punishment. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 128½, outpointed Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 128½, in six. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 145, stopped Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 144, in the sixth.



Mike Holt, South African light heavyweight champion, who defeated Yolande Pompey and is now seeking a crack at the Empire light heavy title held by Yvon Durelle.

▶**EMPRESS HALL, LONDON** . . . Percy Lewis, Trinidad, Empire Featherweight Champion, gave Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, a boxing lesson for ten rounds, but at no time did he look like stopping the fast back paddling featherweight from Nigeria. Lewis, it will be remembered, gave World's Featherweight Champion Hogan Bassey, two very close bouts, and the only answer for his inability to stop Jacobs was that he is ring rusty. . . . . Ron Redrup, West Ham, 165, came in as a substitute to meet Charles Colin, Cruiserweight Champion of France. They were matched over ten rounds, and the fast moving southpaw puzzled the Frenchman and won comfortably on points. . . . The Ring Record Books will say that Terry Spinks, (West Ham) 117¾, outpointed Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium, 119½, over eight rounds, but on my card a big injustice was done. We'll take the run of the bout: in the first and second rounds, there was not much to choose, but in the third as "Baby Face" Spinks came forward with right hand held rather low, a long left hook from Cossemyns nailed Terry on the chin, and he staggered back only to receive another long left swing. Down went Spinks for a count of nine. Rising on rubbery legs he was a target for another left hook; again on the deck Terry took seven, and he looked all over a beaten man. Before the gong came to the assistance of Spinks, he was put down for another count of four, and as the bell sounded he tottered back to his corner. Spinks made a remarkable recovery, and if he can be given any of the next four rounds it would be by a shade. Granting that he had evened up the score when going into the last round in which Cossemyns certainly went to town, and he won comfortably. Then the sensational verdict in favor of Spinks gave vent to a storm of booing and catcalls, ending with the ring being flooded with programs orange peels and anything that the ringsiders could lay their hands on is understandable. . . . Credit must be given to Terry Spinks, for very seldom has one shown such courage to fight back after such a bad third round. . . . In the final bout of the evening, Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 135½, and George Martin, Bermondsey and Belfast, 137, were handicapped by the unruly manner of the disgruntled fans who were still shouting over the previous bout, that at one time during the first round they both stopped boxing and appealed to the referee, but the latter ordered them to "Box On." After an interesting eight rounds Hughes was declared the winner

▶**GLASGOW** . . . Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 119¼, enhanced his reputation with a good win over Terry Toole, Hackney, 119½, by forcing the referee to call a halt in the sixth, after the Londoner had been sent down for TEN counts. . . . The referee sure gave the fans their money's worth. . . . John Caldwell, Belfast, 111¾, gave a polished display in outpointing Moncef Fehri, Tunisia, 113, in eight. . . . Caldwell was having his third professional bout, and if he keeps up his good workmanship as he has shown, then we may again see a future champion in the brilliant Irishman . . . Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 119½, was named a points winner over Luis Martinez, Spain, 118½, but the crowd thought that the little Spaniard had given full value for a points win. . . . Freddie Gilroy, the hard hitting Belfast bantam, 121½, was given a hard set-to by Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 118½, for eight rounds before he was declared a points winner. . . . Dave Mooney, Wishaw, 172¾, outpointed Redves Sangoe, Cardiff, 177, in eight. . . . Billy Whitfield, Cardiff, 129¼, knocked out Archie Hawkins, Glasgow, 129, in the third.

▶**DONCASTER** . . . Eric Brett, Retford, 120½, and Andy Hayford, Ghana, 123, put up a splendid scrap for eight rounds, and the referee called it a draw. . . . Colin Harrison, Rotherham, 144, puzzled Esso Lamptey, Ghana, 146, with his southpaw style, and was a worthy points winner in six. . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 147, knocked out Gerry Bedford, Upton, 147, in the third. . . . Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 162, knocked out Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 162, in the fourth. . . . Maxie Earle, Doncaster, 184, was forced to retire at the end of the second round of his bout with Fred Kaoho, Tonga, 190, claiming that he had damaged his throat. . . . Penni Latu, Tonga, 156¼, stopped Kalil Hassan, Doncaster, 158, in the first.

▶**WEMBLEY** . . . Peter Hill, Leyton, 137½, defeated Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 135¾, in the sixth and final round when the referee intervened owing to the latter having received a badly lacerated mouth. . . . Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 153, outpointed Tommy Lee, Croydon, 148½, in six. . . . George Cottle, Camberwell, 137½, in his professional debut, scored a good win when he stopped Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 139, in the fourth. . . . Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161½, outpointed Jacob Dempsey, Antigua, 161¼, in six. . . . Maxie Beech, Chiswick, 160, stopped Eric Francis, Leicester, 161, in the second. Billy Cornelius, Camberwell, 175½, and Johnny Bourke, Acton, 178, drew in six. . . . Another draw verdict was that between George Jeffreys, Kilburn, 146¾, and Buster Gaffney, Croyden, 145¾, in six.

▶**BALLYMENA** . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 156½, repeated his win over Armstrong Jany, Ghana, 153, but on this occasion the victory was more complete at the end of eight rounds. . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127½, outpointed Len Harvey, Cardiff, 129½, in eight. . . . Andy Doherty, Derry, 126½, was adjudged to have outpointed Billy Skelly, Belfast, 124½, in eight. . . . Pat Loughran, Belfast, 133½, outpointed Len Donnelly, Derry, 140, in eight. . . . Jim Loughlins, Belfast, 141, defeated Bobby Griffin, Carrickfergus, 142, in a rugged eight.

▶**SHOREDITCH** . . . Bobby Neill, Edinburgh, made an astonishing comeback to actual boxing by scoring a K.O. over Arthur Devlin, Millwall, in 2 mins. 58 secs. of the first round. . . . I write "astonishing" because only eight months ago the news was flashed over the wires that the promising career of the Scottish featherweight was ended when the latter was involved in a serious car crash. Neill and the doctors stated that this was the end of his boxing career, BUT, Courage, Guts and Perseverance in Bobby Neill's makeup fooled us all. . . . In his short appearance against Devlin, Bobby showed that he has lost none of his power of punch, and the left hook combined with right to the jaw was a revelation. Whether this bout can be considered a perfect comeback only the future can tell. Here's hoping that it has. For me Bobby Neill is THE TOPS. . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, stopped Alan Peacock, Hull, in the first of a cruiserweight bout, when the latter suffered a badly cut eye. . . . Johnny Kidd, Scotland, kept his unbeaten certificate, when he stopped Peter Hill, Leyton, in the third of a lightweight bout. . . . Terry Russell, Bow, outpointed George Hirlart, Bournemouth, in six rounds of a lightweight bout. . . . Harry Doodoo, Ghana, outpointed Don Doherty, Belfast, in an eight round middleweight bout.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

DARBY BROWN, former Australian and Empire welter champion, now on the comeback trail, had a hard fight at Sydney Stadium when he tangled with Zulu JOE N'GIDI, conqueror of Attu Clottey. Brown won a points decision because of cleaner hitting.

▶At Melbourne, Australian lightweight champion GEORGE BRACKEN showed that any talk about him being the third best lightweight in Australia needed revising when he stopped Italian, GIORDANO CAMPARI in nine rounds. A cut eye terminated the bout, but Bracken dominated the fight from start to finish and was all over Campari.

▶MAX CARLOS outpointed Italian GerMANO CAVALIERI at Melbourne Stadium. Max won nine of the twelve rounds against the man who recently beat Tommy Romulo in Sydney. It was one of Max's best performances.

▶Sydney Stadium matched MA% MURPHY and FRANKIE BENNETT for the vacant Australian featherweight title and Murphy won a very good fight on points. Thus Max Murphy is our new featherweight champion.

▶A week later, also at Sydney, RUSSELL SANDS did not look his best in outpointing the diminutive Italian, LETTERIO PETILLI. The bustling Petilli kept Russell out of his stride most of the night, but Russell's superior boxing ability won him the bout by a fair margin.

▶Petilli went to Melbourne and easily outpointed our new feather king, MAX MURPHY, who couldn't handle the bustling Italian.

▶Then Petilli tangled with FRANKIE BENNETT and this fight (held at Sydney Stadium) was one of the best fights of the year, to date. Bennett fought much better against the Italian than did Murphy (styles of fighting is the reason) and although outpointed, Frankie displayed a courage that has to be admired; Frankie never gave ground and fought all the way. He is a much better boxer than Petilli, but toughness won out for the Italian. There wasn't a knockdown, but what a fight and what courage that little Bennett has—he's all heart!

▶Leichhardt Stadium re-opened after being closed for several months. Welter BOBBY SANDERS made a comeback too, and boxed well to stop CURLY OSLAND in eleven rounds. That performance jumped Bobby right back into the Australian ratings.

▶A fortnight later, Leichhardt Stadium opened its doors again, this time featuring WARNER BATCHELOR, Australian flyweight champion, and JOHNNY JARRETT, number one contender for the Australian bantam crown. It was a war from the first punch and ended in the third round with Batchelor out on his feet. Referee Vic Patrick stopped the bout because Batchelor was out-gunned. A month before, Batchelor had lost a hard points decision to Australian Bantam champion, Dick White, in Toowoomba, Queensland.

▶Queensland lightweight, GEORGE FLEMMING, must be one of the gamest men in the business. He piled into SAMMY BONNICI, Maltese lightweight, from the first bell of their fight at Sydney Stadium and copped the most scientific beating seen for a long time. Bonnici, on the backmove throughout, raked Flemming with every combination in the book. Bonnici won the first nine rounds, by my scorecard, but Flemming received the verdict!

▶TREVOR KING, Australia's best featherweight of four years ago, who was robbed of a title chance when he was involved in a motor smash, won a verdict of £19,500 ($43,350) in the court last month, against the defendant of the case. There has been an appeal . . . not against the verdict (responsibility of the accident has been proven) but against the amount.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Les Muller

EUROPEAN ROUND-UP: Salisbury—Johnny Van Rensburg, South African light and welterweight champion, outpointed George Barnes of Australia over fifteen rounds for the Empire welterweight title. In the fifth and sixth rounds Van Rensburg bled from a cut over his eye, but it did not hamper him too much; In round twelve, Van Rensburg slipped and as he was sitting on his haunches, Barnes hit him. The referee warned Barnes for this.

Pat Patrick, 156¼, drew with Piet Pieterse, 156½, over six rounds. Eric Thompson, 143, beat Steve Swan, 146, over four rounds. Piet Gouns, 164½, beat Tony Clements, 167¾, stopping him in three.

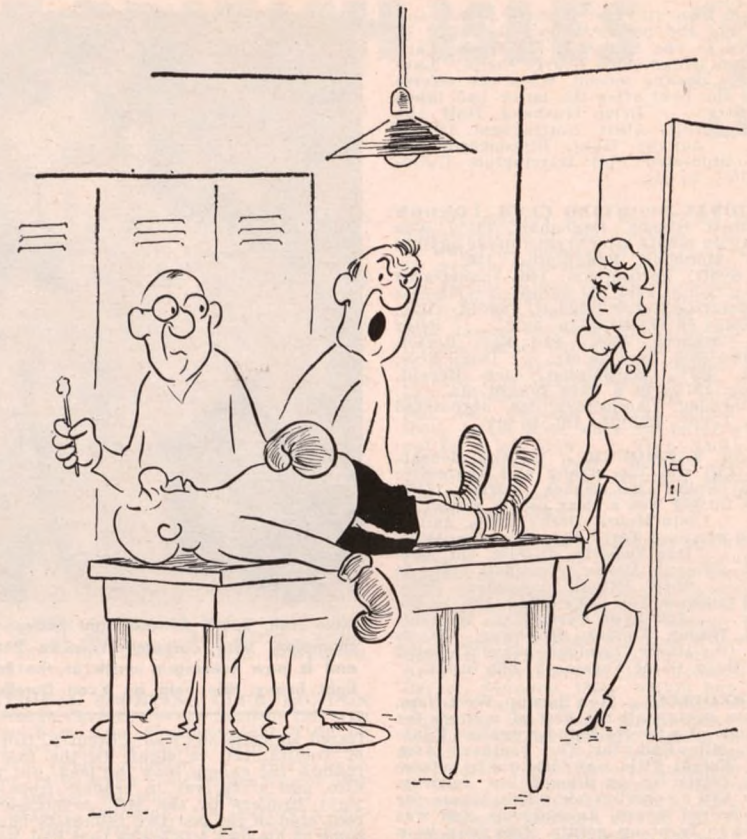
▶Non-European round-up: Pretoria-Elliott Tshabalala, 118, stopped Paul Moshoeu, 118, in the ninth round before a packed house at Dougall Hall.

Jappie Ratselane outpointed Hooks Phoofolo over four rounds in a bantam clash. Solomon Ranamane beat Nipper Monedi over four rounds in a feather go. G. G. Mabuse beat Solomon Madonsela over six rounds. Boston Blake defeated Penock Mkize in a four rounder. Gabriel Dlamini was a points winner over Nimrod Mofokeng in a welterweight six.

▶Durban: Gideon Vilakazi, 136, stopped Hulett Jali, 132, in the third round after dropping him twice. Martin Lechwane, 125½, halted Samuel Ntsele, 127, in seven rounds. Dick Goba, 122¾, outpointed Leonard Madela, 120, over six rounds. Victor Hulley, 118, drew with David Masenga, 127, over four rounds. Alfred Mhlongo, 151½, stopped Amos Mkonza, 155, in the second round. Lawrence Makanya, 140, outpointed Dan Zulu, 148, in a four rounder.

▶Johannesburg: Gabriel Seleke, 147, retained his Transvaal welterweight title by stopping Gabriel Dlamini, 146, in the tenth round. Former South African flyweight champion Philip Lekwete, 111½, took 25 seconds to dispose of Frans Morakile, 111½.

Harry Madala, 113, beat Raphael Khotso on points in a bantam fight. Josiah Noube, 111, decisioned Jacob Sefatsa, 110. Rex Ncongwane, 114½, decisioned Dan Ndaba, 121. Herbert Hlubi, 160, stopped Battling Hlati, 155½, in three rounds.



"NOW I KNOW HE'S A BUM . . ANY GENTLEMEN WOULD STAND WHEN A LADY ENTERS A ROOM."

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

DORTMUND:—28 YEAR OLD, GUSTAV SCHOLZ (BERLIN), 72.3 kilo, defended his middleweight title successfully, halting Max Resch (Hamburg), 71.6 kilo, in four rounds here at the Westfalen Halle.

Resch had been expected to extend the champion, but for the exception of one wild punch in round two, when he put Scholz to the canvas, he was never a real danger. On the other hand it was exciting with plenty of thrills. There were eleven counts in as many minutes and Resch was game as they make them. Ten times he went to the canvas and each time he rose to fight on. Only when manager Walter Englert threw in the towel did the fight come to an end.

Round four saw Scholz catch Resch with a left hook to the face. The challenger replied with a rather low blow but the third man waved them on. A left and Resch was down for "seven." Down again for "eight" and then "nine" but each time he came up for more. Another hard left hook and Resch collapsed on one knee. The towel came in and Pippow discontinued his count. The fight was over.

Willi Quatuor (Dortmund) retained his feather title when Joe Buck (Bochum) was disqualified for biting the champion in round eleven. The challenger had already received two warnings for hitting low and biting Quatuor's arm, and when he took a further snap at the champion's shoulder in heat eleven referee Max Pippow disqualified him. Buck had done well against Quatuor but he was behind on points at the time of the incident.

Cruiser Dieter Wemhoner (Berlin), ex-European amateur champion, scored his 15th victory in as many starts by outpointing Horst Niche (Berlin) over 8 rounds. Cruiser Manfred Hass (Misburg), the 1956 amateur middle champion, beat Horst Borzoskowski (Berlin) on points over 6 rounds.

Cruiser Uwe Janssen (Hamburg) won on points in eight rounds over Pedro Klijssen (Holland). Middle Erich Walter (Hamburg) won on points in eight rounds over Gerard van Eyck (Holland).

▶Hamburg: Two Hamburg boxers became champions at the Ernst Merck Halle when Willi Hoepner dethroned European cruiser champion Artemio Calzavarra of Italy and Albert Westphal took the national heavyweight crown from Hans Kalbfell.

Promoter Willi Knorzer had almost a full house, a crowd of 6,500 being in attendance.

The European title fight ended rather disappointingly in round six when the champion was disqualified after a clash of heads. Southpaw Hoepner started off well but toward the close of round one a right from Calzavarra sent the German to the canvas. This was the only round the Italian was on top. In round six, after their heads butted, the blood flowed freely from an injury that the German had sustained. The doctor stopped the fight and the referee awarded the bout to Hoepner on disqualification.

Westphal, 27 year old ex-amateur champion, stopped the heavyweight title holder Hans Kalbfell in five rounds. A straight left cut Kalbfell's right eye and it bled badly. The doctor allowed the fight to continue and a left hook caught him and he was dropped. He was unable to beat the count.

Helmut Mistol (Hamburg) drew with Ballabio of Italy. Manfred Hass (Hamburg) won on points over Madella of Italy. Harry Kurschat of Berlin stopped Ferrero of Italy in four rounds.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

YVON DURELLE, BRITISH EMPIRE AND CANADIAN LIGHTHEAVY king, was the magnet that drew some 6,000 fans turnstiling a gate of more than $18,000 into the Montreal Forum box office to signalize the return of major fistic activity in Montreal after quite a few years of almost barren events, excepting a few far and between unsuccessful ventures. The New Brunswick fisherman, cheered on by enthusiastic fans, relentlessly pursued his speedy back-pedalling foe, Germinal Ballarin, of France, throughout their ten rounder to win an easy, unanimous decision.

Durelle's weight advantage of seven pounds, 178½ to 171½, looked to be much more. Ballarin wisely chose to stick-and-run except for a few odd flurries when he looked impressive beating Durelle to the punch. Durelle had him in trouble several times but could not keep him pinned long enough to set him up for the kayo. The match seems to point up the fact that Durelle could draw a whopping gate if matched with an opponent of higher appeal and calibre than Ballarin. The bedlam was earsplitting in the final round when Ballarin was floored but he fought back gamely till the bell.

Promoter Eddie Quinn, who staged the show in cooperation with the IBC, had the last laugh on the cynics who shook their heads pityingly and significantly when he declared he could draw better than $15,000 with Durelle in with an unranked foe. Truman Gibson, IBC prexy, was pleased at the attendance and said he'd like to see another half dozen televised attractions staged in Montreal under the Quinn banner. The next event might have Durelle defending his Empire crown against Mike Holt, hardhitting South African champ who recently trounced Yolande Pompey.

Pat Supple, 121, fiery little Canadian bantam champ, peppered Ramo Soto, 122, New York, so heartily that the latter called it a night at the start of the third round of the scheduled eight round semi-final. Within the fortnight, Supple chalked up another win but had to work longer and harder to gain an unanimous ten round win over fellow Montrealer, Gerry Simpson, Canadian feather king, at Quebec City. Simpson, 121¾, rallied desperately in the final round to floor Supple, 120, for an eight-count to make a dent in his big lead.

Marcel Piau, Windsor Mills, 156, and Felix Machado, Brooklyn, 157½, staged the best bout of the supporting card in Montreal. They traded punches merrily till Piau nailed Machado with a sharp left hook to the button that left Machado helpless before a smashing onslaught, forcing Referee Maxie Berger to intervene at 1.32 of the sixth and final round. Piau is quite a good prospect and it's a pity that he, and a few other lads hereabouts, can't get enough action to develop properly.

Too much similarity in styles made a dull six rounder when Juan Pomare, Brooklyn, 172, copped the duke over Durelle's New York sparmate, Kayo Brown, 185. This pair tried hard but were too cute for each other. The four round opener got the show off on a good foot with Benito Favotto, Montreal, 183½, outwalloping Ardi Beaver, Quebec, 190, with the Montrealer coming close to stopping the gore-smeared Quebecer near the finish. All in all, it was a good show and whetted the fans' appetite for more. . . . providing it doesn't take too long till next time.

▶MONTREAL BEATS BOSTON . . . this sounds like a habitual Stanley Cup hockey headline but this time its about boxing. . . . the second annual Diamond Gloves tournament featuring Montrealers against a team from U. S. . . . this time it was a New England team. . . . the local boys had too much punch and savvy to the tune of 7-1. . . . 5-0 against Boston and an even split with Burlington. . . . two victories were scored via the socko-blotto route. . . . feature was smart win scored by Rene Chauvin's heavy hope, Leslie Borden, over Jim Blythe, U. S. National champ from Boston. . . . though conceding some 14 pounds to the favored Blythe, Borden got going early, gained confidence, and kept beating Blythe to the punch all the way. . . . the hit of the night was the fast one-punch kayo scored by Joey Durelle, cousin of the famous Yvon, in an all-local bout. . . . a bob and a weave, a snappy left hook to the chin, and it was curtains for Bob Miller in 15 seconds of this welter go. . . . so maybe another Durelle will be breaking into headlines in pro rings in due time. . . . Canada isn't doing too badly in fistiana now with the likes of Durelle, Gale Kerwin, George Chuvalo, etc. doing their stuff. . . . cheerio till next month.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

ANTHONY PETRONELLA, FOREIGN COORDINATOR OF NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION was a Manila visitor for nine days and President Mamerto Besa of the Philippine Boxing Association was his host. The writer was his secretary while in Manila.

Promoter Mamerto Besa honored Mr. Petronella with a boxing promotion at the Coliseum on May 17. Leo Espinosa halted Rocky Moises, 126, in the 5th round and Flash Elorde clashed with Paulito Escarlan in 6 round exhibition.

Pat Alburo, 147 defeated Rush Mayon, 150 in 6. Japanese Keizo Kamei drew with Romy Sison, 114 in 6. Jahnny Jamito, 116 bested Ernie Paredes, 118 in 6. Marcing David, 117 decisioned Young Brazil, 116 in 6. Ely Fernandez, 115 kayoed Rush Junior, 116 in 2.

▶Winnie Rebolado, 135 became the lightweight champion of Rizal province by knocking out Lucky Marcelo, 136, in the 6th round in Tejeros, Makati, Rizal under the promotion of Manuel Salvacion. Dio Cagulada, 127, made a surprise come-back by knocking out Flashy Panio, 128, in the 7th round. Lerry Fernandez, 127, defeated Buddy Sacramento, 123, in 6. Jess de Leon, 115, bested Kid Ballones, 118, in 6. Jim Posadas, 118, outpointed Rush Junior, 118, in 6. Ely Relucio, 114, decisioned Tony Chavez, 114, in 6. Star Pancho, 114, drew with Paul Pascua, 117, in 6. Flash Sabando, 119, won over Hallow Block Boy, 118, in 4. Makati Kid, 114, and Little Richard, 112, drew in 4. Star Catalan, 118, bested Bily Conny, 108, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Paulito Escarlan, 127, kayoed Flash Menny, 120, in the 7th round in San Fernando, La Union. Tiger Willie, 116, decisioned Boy Padilla, 118, in 6. Rudy Gonzales, 118, halted Young Francisco, 114, in 2. Kid Torres, 126, kayoed Young Cabanelia, 122, in 3.

▶Speedy Orland, 124, kayoed Joe Mangadap, 130, in the 1st round in Santiago, Isabela. Rush Benny, 114, halted Vic Santos, 117, in 4. Dommy Perez, 105, knocked out Tanny Sanchez, 100, in 3. Rica Junior, 130, stopped Vizcaya Liner, 130, in 4.

▶Waling Waling Boy, 112, defeated Abe Mendoza, 114, in 6 rounds in Calamba, Laguna. Johnny Bon, 120, halted Larry Razon, 120, in 5. Joe Sagun, 116, bested Ben de Leon, 118, in 6. Waling Waling Boy Jr., kayoed Al Ceroda, 108, in 3.

▶Joe Guevarra, 115, outpointed Romeo Gonzales, 110, in 8 rounds in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Mighty Bargan, 134, kayoed Kid Buayan, 140, in 5. Rudy Gonzales, 120, decisioned Smart Francing, 118, in 6. Flash Eddie, 103, defeated Baby Moro, 109, in 6.

▶Al Manalang, 132, kayoed Dommy Dorendez, 132, in 3 rounds in Guagua, Pampanga, under the promotion of Sumanqui Brosthers. Rufy Pineda, 128, halted Ser Villan, 129, in the 1st round. Ely Fernandez, 116, kayoed Rose Tatoo, 118, in 3. Mac Cruz, 126, drew with Al Manalang Jr., 125, in 4. Star Catalan, 112, bested Kid Mente, 112, in 4.

▶Oscar Reyes, 123, defeated Ernie Masangkay, 120, in 10 rounds in Olongapo, Zambales. Dommy Roxas, 142, defeated Pat Alburo, 138, in 6. Little Dommy, 111, outpointed Buddy de Marco, 112, in 6. Avenger Jr., 122, drew with Cris Agarao, 123, in 6.

▶Dommy Falcon, 132, decisioned Nick Johnson, 130, in 8 rounds in Santiago, Isabela. Rush Benny, 116, outpointed Rush Junior, 120, in 8. Jim Posadas, 120, halted Arellanoz Kid, 120, in 1. Fighting Peralta, 126, bested Kid Arsenio, 124, in 4.

▶Young Cezar, 128, decisioned Rufy Pineda, 125, in 6 rounds in San Isidro, Nueva Eeija. Al Cantara, 118, halted Bennie Boy, 118, in 2. Mac Cruz, 116, drew with Delfe Pineda, 114, in 4. Sony Kid, 113, kayoed Perny Cruz, 113, in 1.

▶Lourdines Jr., 111, defeated Leo Enoveso, 111, in 6 rounds in San Fernando, Pampanga. Boy Emil, 112, kayoed Little Richard, 106, in 3. Kid Tacio Jr., 110, halted Little Sabu, 111, in 3. Fredo Ocampo, 114, kayoed Little Villa, 114, in 4.

▶Flash Elorde, 129, successfully defended his lightweight title against Javellana Kid, 134, in 12 rounds in the Coliseum. In the first 5 rounds Javellana was the master of the champion and only the toughness of Elorde saved him from being floored.

Gil Flores, 124, halted Masakasu Otsuka, 120, in 8. Leo Zulueta, 111, defated Kid Independence Jr., 110, in 10. Keizo Kamei, 113, won over Small Dave, 113, in 6. Bastian Tirana, 115, drew with Leo Gautier, 115, in 4. Joe Salva, 127, drew with Terrible Max, 129,

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

RUFINO RIDELLA, LOCAL FEATHERWEIGHT HOTSHOT, .BLASTED Nate Brooks' comeback hopes by scoring an easy TKO win in the second of a scheduled ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. Referee Walter Cho stopped the fight in 1 min. 4 sec. of the round after Ridella had dumped Brooks for the fifth time. Brooks managed to get back on his feet but he was staggering and in no condition to continue battle.

Brooks, 120½, former North American bantamweight champion, was making his first appearance in three years and his rustiness showed. During the short time he remained upright he wasn't able to land a single solid blow and after his first trip to the floor he was never in the fight. In the first round he was floored three times, each time for an eight count.

For up and coming Ridella, 124, this was his second victory over a name fighter this year. Not long ago he upset Shigeji Kaneko in a ten round battle.

The fight was promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., drew 1,597 fans and grossed $2,649.50.

Lem Miller, 140, and Dan Santiago, 136½, drew in six rounds. Francis Militante, 119, beat Lionel Rivera, 123, 6 rounds.

Yoichi Suzuki, 134, decisioned Harold Mara, 132, 6 rounds. Yutaka Saikawa, 137½, defeated Dan Melandez, 135½, 4 rounds.

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PROFILE OF A GAMESTER

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Among his ring victims are: Gale Kerwin, Tony DeCola, Ray Portilla, Johnny Gorman, Mickey Northrup, Phil Kim, Bobby Rogers and Felix Chiocca.

Six years ago Carlos met charming Norma Tull, and romance flowered into marriage. The couple were married on June 8, 1957, and reside in a comfortable little apartment in the Bronx. They expect an addition around the end of the year. Aside from fighting, Carlos holds down a part-time job with the Lily Tulip Cup Company, in the Bronx, working as warehouseman. But he's dead serious about his ring career. "Something inside me insists that I'll make good at boxing, even win the lightweight title," says Ortiz. "I'm glad my trainer, Sammy Cherin, makes me work so hard."

HIS TOUGHEST FIGHT WAS WITH SALEM IN 1956

He likes doing roadwork, preferably with Vince Ferguson.

"At first my mother objected to my making a career of boxing," says the youthful ringman. "But eventually, growing tired of objecting, she consented. In fact, she even watches my fights on TV, and prays that I come through unhurt."

His toughest fight, says Carlos, was with Tommy Salem, on July 30, 1956. "I had suffered a bad cut over my left eye and the wound gushed blood. I was afraid I might lose the bout on a TKO–if either the ref or the doctor decided to stop the contest. Well, the fight wasn't stopped, but I had to fight like the devil to win."

Ortiz excelled at baseball, swimming track and football.

"My favorite food?" He looks surprised at the question. "What else but arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) should be the favorite food of a Puerto Rican?"

In 1955 Ortiz joined the National Guard, in which he is a Staff Sergeant.

THIS FEATHER STILL FLYING

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Grounds, Saddler made it three out of four over Pep. In one of the roughest, dirtiest title fights ever staged anywhere, Sandy outlasted Willie, and the latter once more retired in his corner, refusing to go out for the ninth round.

LATEST WINNING STRING.

Since the ending of the Saddler series, Pep has continued as an active campaigner, with only four defeats in his last 56 starts. He was knocked out by Tommy Collins in Boston in 1952 and by Lulu Perez in New York in 1954, and dropped decisions to Gil Cadilli in San Francisco in 1955 and Tommy Tibbs in Boston this year. The Cadilli verdict was of the dubious variety, and Willie gave the Californian a real boxing lesson when they met again in Detroit a few weeks later.

How much longer does Pep, who'll be 36 in September, expect to continue his ring operations?

"Who can say?" he grins. "Compared to Archie Moore, I'm still a kid. I'll probably keep going as long as I think I'm good enough for what's around in the featherweight class these days. Maybe I'm not as young or as spry as I used to be, but I can still box a bit and my ring savvy comes in mighty handy when the going gets rough. I've been averaging a fight a month this year, and I'd like to keep going at that pace. By fighting so often, I'm always in condition. One good fight is better than a month of gym training. And, besides, you don't get paid for training. There's one thing I really would like before I call it a career, and that's another chance at my old championship. They tell me Hogan Bassey is a fine little fighter, but I'd like to try my luck with him. The bout would do a lot of business in Boston. Meanwhile, I hope to keep going at my present pace and try to beat the all-time winning totals of Stribling and Miller."

BASILIO WELTER POSSIBILITY?

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having difficulty doing 147, when he fought Jake LaMotta for the middleweight title in Chicago seven years ago.

Sugar Ray won the title in 13 rounds, and since then Chicago has been his lucky town. He regained the middleweight championship there from Bobo Olson, Gene Fullmer and Basilio.

Robinson also aspired to go higher, to become the third fighter to win three titles. On a torrid June night in 1952 he attempted to win the light-heavyweight title from Joey Maxim at the Yankee Stadium. His bid ended in failure in the fourteenth round.

TERRIFIC HEAT FRUSTRATED RAY IN MAXIM FIGHT

Maxim had been up the ladder too, failing to win the heavyweight title from Ezzard Charles at Chicago. Now he was back in his own class, defending the light-heavyweight title. The heat was terrific, over 100 degrees under the lights beating down on the ring.

The confident Robinson moved in and out, piling up points. He was far in front in the 10th round when Ruby Goldstein, the referee, suddenly collapsed from the heat. Ray Miller was rushed into the ring to replace Goldstein.

Suddenly, in the thirteenth, Maxim hooked to the body, and to the jaw. They were light blows, and yet Robinson went down. He lasted out the round, and sat down on the stool, a fixed smile on his face. The heat had got Robinson. He couldn't go on. The fight was over. Maxim had won.

Robinson retired after the fight and for two years had a night club career. He came back to become middleweight champion again, but has not ventured out of his class since.

Robinson knows he belongs in the middleweight division. Doesn't a similar pattern apply to Basilio? Carmen has been a welterweight fighting in a heavier class. He will go on fighting as a middleweight if he gets another chance to win the title from Sugar Ray.

If he should go back and regain the welterweight title he would be doing something no champion has accomplished. No champion having won a crown in a heavier class has ever gone back to the division he left and regained the lighter crown. Perhaps Basilio will try.

Moore had a couple of shots at the heavyweight title only to be turned back first by Rocky Marciano and then by Floyd Patterson. He would like to try again, but he's still light-heavyweight champion.

After losing to Marciano, Ancient Archie dropped down and defended the title by knocking out Yolande Pompey. Again after losing to Patterson, he made the 175 pound limit and knocked over Tony Anthony.

Mickey Walker campaigned in four classes, going up and down the scale. After losing the welterweight title to Pete Latzo, Walker won the middleweight championship from Tiger Flowers. After failing to win the light-heavyweight crown from Tommy Loughran, the Toy Bulldog invaded the heavyweight division to fight a draw with Jack Sharkey.

Walker was checked in his drive for a heavyweight title chance when he was knocked out by Max Schmeling. His last title effort was against Maxie Rosenbloom for the light-heavyweight crown. Slapsie-Maxie prevented Walker from becoming a three-time champion.

Harry Greb fought 'em all, from middleweights to heavyweights. He won the American light-heavyweight crown in a fight with Tunney, the only one Gene lost, and after defending it against Tommy Loughran, dropped down and won the world middleweight championship from Johnny Wilson.

After Tunney defeated him for light-heavyweight honors, Greb went right on defending the middleweight title. Great fighter that he was, weight meant nothing to Greb. Yet, confronted with a problem similar to Basilio's, he went back to his own class.

Basilio faces a decision, either to try again for the middleweight title, or make a bid to regain the welterweight crown. Either way, he should come up with the money.

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